

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 1833 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Brian Hughes, Phyllis Ellis, and Robert Murray.

- Item 1: Minutes: Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the December 30th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the January 14th, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Mary Bowen made a motion to approve the December 30th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Phyllis Ellis seconded. Motion carries 3-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, and Phyllis Ellis – yes. Brian Hughes and Robert Murray abstain.

Mary Bowen made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Brian Hughes seconded. Motion carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, and Robert Murray - yes.

- Item 2: Financial Report: Natalie Galgano, Municipal Accounts & Consulting, provided a brief summary of the District's financial activities. The Board reviewed and discussed approval of the December 2020 and January 2021 financials as prepared by Ms. Galgano of Municipal Accounts & Consulting.

Mary Bowen made a motion to accept the December 2020 financial report. Phyllis Ellis seconded. Motion carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, and Robert Murray - yes.

Mary Bowen made a motion to accept the January 2021 financial report. Brian Hughes seconded. Motion carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, and Robert Murray - yes.

- Item 3: Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief John Moran presented a summary of recent administrative and operational activities at MJFD, including information regarding: incident response, training, vehicle and facility maintenance, legislative issues, and/or other relevant topics.

- Item 4: FY 2021-2022 Budget Process Timeline: Reviewed and discussed approval of a schedule of events specific to the upcoming budget process.

Mary Bowen made a motion to accept the FY 2021-2022 Budget Process Timeline specific to the upcoming budget process. Brian Hughes seconded. Motion carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, and Robert Murray - yes.

- Item 5: Apparatus Acquisition: Chief Moran provided an update related to the District's search for apparatus.
- Item 6: Fire District Finances: Board Chair Mark Lee provided an overview and opened a discussion with the Board Members on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget process regarding the different aspects of fire district financing: operating and reserve budgeting, the five-year plan, tax collection processes, tax rates, billing, donations, leasing, the budgeting process as it relates to Cochise County.
- Item 7: Adjourn: Mary Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Murray seconded the motion. Motion carries 6 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, and Robert Murray – yes.

Mark Lee adjourned the meeting at 1930 hours.

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

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