



Regular Meeting of the Mescal J6 Fire District Board
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602
Minutes

Call to Order 6:31 pm

ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Dana Law Board Chair
Debi Wise Board Clerk
Sonja Salcido Board Member
Wade Temple Board Member
Mike Nervik Board Member
Chief Nied

All board members are present

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mary McCool, representing herself, submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board.

Owen Kieley representing himself, submitted his request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board.

Item 3: CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED MINUTES

Review, discussion, and possible action to approve the draft minutes of the:
Regular Meeting January 29, 2025
Work Session February 3, 2025
Special Meeting February 5, 2025

Discussion: Correct "FSLA" to "FLSA". Mike Nervik wanted the noted refusal to give a reason for his "no" vote removed. Debi Wise informed him that per the board training that the entirety of the board attended, it was made clear that if a board member votes "no" a reason should be documented, and therefore, the notation on the minutes stand.

Minutes approved.

Motion made by: Wade Temple Seconded by Soni Salcido



Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Abstained – refused to give reason.

Item 4: APPROVED FINANCIAL REPORT:

Natalie Galgano and/or Elizabeth Riopel of Municipal Accounts & Consulting presenting.

Discussion: Mike Nervik inquired on the status of the payroll account. Clarification was provided by Chief and Ms. Galgano

Approved the January, 2025 Financial Report.

Motion made by: Debi Wise; Seconded by Wade Temple

Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Y.

Item 5: PRESENTATION:

Presented by Natalie Galgano on remaining FY2025 budget and recommended necessary board financial action.

Discussion: Unrestrict the \$104,790.00 that was to go to the reserve account to be used to pay for overtime for Captain Olander and any operating costs as needed, for the remainder of the fiscal year.

No action taken.

Item 6: APPROVED RELEASE RESTRICTION ON FUNDS

Discussion: Mike Nervik inquired on alternate bookkeeping paths. Ms. Galgano clarified the path agreed on with Ms. Traywick, Ms. Galgano, and Chief Nied as being the one decided upon to follow. Mike Nervik inquired on tax penalties. Chief Nied stated are no tax penalties known, as per the District attorney.

Approved releasing restriction on \$104,790, thus allowing it to remain in M&O account until FY2025 is completed at which time the remainder will be moved to the reserve account.

Motion made by: Wade Temple; Seconded by Debi Wise.

Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Y.

Item 7: OVERTIME ISSUE

Mike Nervik brought forth the agenda item.

Discussion: Dana Law asked Mr. Nervik if he had talked to the Chief beforehand. Chairman Dana Law stated that any questions should have been directed to Chief for clarification directly, as this is operations business, not board business, and should not taking up the board's meeting time. Chief Nied provided clarification on OT issue from date of discovery to present day, including alternative plans with details. Natalie Galgano, CPA remained available online.



No action taken.

Item 8: AMENDED 5-YEAR PLAN

Chief Nied presenting. Gary West from Ironwood Strategic Solutions LLC. provided clarification as needed. No discussion

Amended the FY2025 5-year financial plan as recommended.

Motion made by: Wade Temple; Seconded by Soni Salcido.

Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Y.

Item 9: STRATEGIC PLAN EXTERNAL “PARTNER” SELECTION PROCESS

Mike Nervik brought forth the agenda item.

Discussion: Mike Nervik asked how the external stake holders were picked. Chief Nied explained how the process transpired. Mike Nervik voiced concerns from a “citizen” made to him, that board members were in attendance and filled out the surveys or formed a quorum. Chief Nied and Gary West, Principal, Ironwood Strategic Solutions, LLC both stated that neither instance happened. 2 board members were present at each of the two external stakeholder’s meetings. 1 at the 13:30 and 2 at the 18:30. They were there as observers. There were no board decisions made and no open meeting laws were broken. Chairman Dana Law stated that this should not be an agenda item, concerns should be brought forth to Chief directly, as it is an Operational issue, is not Board business, and should not be taking up meeting time. Chairman Law again tried to explain proper procedure for Operational questions. Mr. Nervik then stated he was also asking about a possible open meeting law violation concern brought forth to him by the “citizen”. Chairman Law stated that proper procedure is to bring it to the attention of the Chief. Chief Nied stated he is available to answer any questions.

No action taken.

Item 10: STREAMING PLATFORM:

Discussion: Mike Nervik stated the agenda item should be removed as the approval to purchase was done Dec “8th” minutes. Chief Nied stated he looked at the minutes and there was no approval. Mr. Nervik requested the clerk check the minutes.

Mr. Temple stated the Zoom commercial plan seemed to fit the District’s needs for approximately \$159 a year. Chief stated he would have that ready for the next meeting.

Post meeting, the clerk checked as requested by Mr. Nervik during the discussion and there was no approved payment on the December 18th minutes. December “8th” minutes do not exist as there was no meeting on that date.

No action taken.

Item 11: MJ6FD OPERATING PROCEDURE #023



Mike Nervik stated he wanted the agenda item pulled from the agenda as the finalized procedure is not the procedure he wrote.

Debi Wise stated the procedure to be voted on, was written by the attorney.

Motion made by: Mike Nervik; Seconded by Dana Law

Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise N, Mike Nervik Y.

Ms. Wise stated she would like to see the procedure adopted as written by the attorney.

Item 12: BLUESPAN CONTRACT

Tabled for a future meeting.

Motion made by: Mike Nervik; Seconded by Wade Temple.

Voting: Sonja Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Y.

Item 13: CHIEF'S REPORT:

Attached.

Item 14: BOARD COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

Discussion: Chairman Law stated that there are certain avenues for communication. Operational questions should be addressed to Chief directly, and not addressed during Board meeting time. Board meetings should be 1-1 ½ hours long.

No action taken.

Item 15: FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Next regular meeting March 26, 2025.

Item 16: FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S): Bluespan, Strategic planning, Insurance

Item 17: ADJOURN: 8:32 pm

No discussion

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Seconded by Soni Salcido

Voting: Soni Salcido Y, Wade Temple Y, Dana Law Y, Debi Wise Y, Mike Nervik Y.

Minutes compiled and submitted by

Deborah Wise

Mescal-J6 Fire District Board Clerk