

**APPROVED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY, February 23, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 18:32 by Board Chair Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Dan Simmons and Jerry Conrad. Steve Hoffman was absent, a quorum existed. Ms. Lauri Owen, the District's attorney, and Fire Chief John Moran were also present.

Item 1: Lease Agreement, Bluespan Wireless: Mr. Lee welcomed the representatives of Bluespan Wireless and introductions were made. Mr. Stace, CEO of Bluespan Wireless, informed Mr. Lee that he and Ms. Lauri Owen had been discussing the agreement during the previous week and that he had a revised draft to provide the Board and audience. The revised draft was handed out and reviewed while all previous drafts were collected. The revision requested by Cochise County was for a more current insurance stipulation, which Bluespan approved and included. There were two typos in the revised agreement which were corrected and initialed by Mr. Stace.

Mr. Lee asked Mr. Stace to explain why Bluespan does not like to advertise which towers they utilize. Mr. Stace said that there are other companies who have been known to try to interrupt service. Mr. Stace said that Bluespan would begin installing equipment in 10 – 12 days, with everything “up and breathing” in the tower in 14 – 21 days, and linking all of the stations together within 30 days. Mr. Stace mentioned that because this service is for an emergency based system, he recommends leaving one copper line because in time of a national emergency, if communications go down, copper will probably stay up. Chief Moran said that to maintain the ISO rating and back up dispatching with the County, they would keep one telephone line anyway. Ms. Barbara Radzykewycz, a resident of Mescal, asked, “How much power would be used and how much does it cost, since the agreement states that Mescal J6 Fire District would supply all of the power.” Mr. Stace said the amount of power used is equivalent to a household night light. Chief Moran stated that an estimated savings on services that will no longer be needed is about \$400 per month.

Ms. Lauri Owen arrived at 18:55, at which time Mr. Lee explained that discussions had taken place and everyone had read the agreement and the Board was ready to entertain a motion. Ms. Owen explained that she submitted the agreement to the County Procurement and their only request was to provide a more current insurance stipulation. She said the County feels this is an acceptable agreement and, in turn, she is comfortable recommending entering into the agreement with Bluespan.

Mr. Conrad moved to approve the Agreement between Bluespan Wireless and Mescal J6 Fire District with the following changes: Item 4 change “sixty” to “ninety,” and item 12 change “Licensor” to “County.” Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Item 2: 2015/2016 Five-Year Plan: Mr. Lee asked Chief Moran about the County's participation in the repair of the heli-pad at Station 2, and Chief Moran said that he will be discussing the subject with the County in the near future. Chief Moran stated that the surface and lighting could be improved but the pad is operational.

The Board discussed items number 1 through 6 on the 2014-2015 plan list. Items 1,2,3,5, and 6 will remain on the plan with priority given to item number 3 regarding the repair of the heli-pad. Chief Moran said that the pole barn at Station 2 (item #2) does

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not meet ISO requirements. Item 4 regarding water storage will be removed from the plan. Chief Moran believes that any additional storage would be fruitless and recommends spending any funds on repair or replacement of tenders. Purchasing a storage facility will become item number 7. In addition, items from the "Ongoing Projects" list will be moved up to the 2014-2015 Plan list. Item 12 which relates to PPE will now be item 8; item 14 relating to the communication/dispatch system will move to item 9; item 17 regarding Policies and Procedures, Standard Operating Guidelines, etc. will move to item 10.

Items 7-17 on the ongoing project list for 2014-2015 were discussed and edits and additions will be made to the plan as discussed. Items 1-10 on the 2015-2016 list were discussed and edits will be made to the Plan.

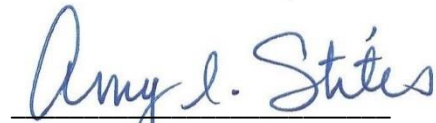
Mr. Simmons left the meeting at 19:30

Chief Moran presented ideas for increasing apparatus storage and staff quarters, a potential new station, replacement of the Class A Pumper, a third tender and some other enhancements to better District's ISO current rating.

Item 3: Call to the Public: Mrs. Mary McCool asked if the Board received numbers from the Property Tax Oversight Commission. Chief Moran replied that the numbers had been received.

Item 4: Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 19:55 hours.

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy L. Stites". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy L. Stites, February 25, 2015