REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, AT 6:30 pm
98 N. OAK DRIVE BENSON, AZ 85602
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL:
Attendees:
Dana Law Board Chair
Debi Wise Board Clerk
Wade Temple Board Member
Mike Nervik Board Member
Sonja Salcido Board Member (Absent)
Chief Nied

A quorum is present.

Item 1: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Item 2: **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
Mary McCool of CDO, submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board.

Item 3: **APPROVED MINUTES**

Discussion:
Chief Nied contacted the Clerk previous to the meeting and requested an addition to the minutes on item 9. Chief's name was corrected in a couple of spots.
Mike Nervik referencing item 3 of the February 26, 2025 minutes wanted his refusal to give a reason for a "no" vote removed from the minutes. Mr. Nervik stated he spoke with an instructor and his understanding is that a reason for a "no" vote does not have to be documented. Mr. Nervik was informed by Clerk Debi Wise that according to Board training, in which all members of the board were present, it was stated that there must be a reason given for a "no" vote to be reflected in the minutes. Ms. Wise has reminded Mr. Nervik of this fact for 2 meetings in a row to include February 26, 2025 and March 26, 2025. The reason for a "no" vote will continue to be asked for, and the response or lack of one, documented, as per board training.

Minutes approved as amended.

Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded by Dana Law.
Voting: Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes

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Item 4: **APPROVED FINANCIAL REPORT**
Elizabeth Riopel of Municipal Accounts & Consulting presenting.

Discussion:
Debi Wise asked for clarification on the Dropbox expense. Clarification was given. Chief Nied made clarification on payroll expenses management. Elizabeth clarified extra expenses management. Mike Nervik asked about a reimbursement made to him, being under what he perceived as being the wrong line item. Chief Nied clarified by saying all of the project's expenses went under one line item for accounting purposes.

Approved February 2026 Financial Report.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded Mike Nervik.
Voting: Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Item 5: **APPROVED BLUESPAN CONTRACT**
Chris Nelson of Bluespan presenting.

Discussion:
Current contract expired. Noted: Multiple attorneys have looked over this contract. MJ6FD attorney will review for final approval.

Approved Bluespan contract.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded Mike Nervik.
Voting: Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Item 6: **APPROVED RT EMERGENCY INSURANCE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY**
Lona Huffman of RT Emergency Insurance presenting.

No discussion.

Approved moving to RT Emergency Insurance.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded Mike Nervik.
Voting: Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Item 7: **PRESENTATION – CHIEF NIED & GARY WEST, ISS– STRATEGIC PLAN**
Gary West of ISS Strategic Planning presenting.

Discussion: Corrections: Wade Temple's name should be Wade H. Temple "II" instead of "III". Correction to the word "Featherstone" to "Featherston".

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Approved MJ6FD 2025-2029 Strategic Plan.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded by Debi Wise.
Voting: Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Item 8: **APPROVED MJ6FD OPERATING PROCEDURE #023**

No Discussion.

Approved new MJ6FD Operating Procedure #023.

Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded Mike Nervik.
Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Item 9: **CHIEF'S REPORT**
Attached.

Item 10: **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**
April 30, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Item 11: **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**
Forest Service/Wildland team hot season ahead, shortfalls of gov. preparedness.

Item 12: **ADJOURN:** 9:30 pm
Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded Mike Nervik.
Debi Wise Yes, Dana Law Yes, Soni Salcido Absent, Wade Temple Yes, Mike Nervik Yes.

Minutes compiled and submitted by
Deborah Wise
Mescal-J6 Fire District Board Clerk

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