

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, April 3rd, 2024 AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 1835 hours by Board Chair Phyllis Ellis. Present at roll call were Board Members Phyllis Ellis, Debi Wise, JoAnne Ellsworth and Bob Murray. Dana Law absent. A quorum existed.

Item 1: **FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGETARY TRAINING:** CPA Natalie Galgano-Pinkley, Senior Consultant with Municipal Accounts & Consulting provided in-house budgetary training for the governing board. A review of the present budget, expense to income ratio, property tax collections and best practices was followed by a review of the mandatory Arizona Auditor General's budget forms.

Item 2: **FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** Board members reviewed the current five-year plan, noting possible changes to implement when the final plan is presented for adoption. Discussion centered on future needs such as a new fire station, apparatus, thermal drone and a UTV. Additional discussion focused on staffing issues and possible solutions to staffing shortages in the future.

Item 3: Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Board Chair Ellis at 1945

Minutes compiled and submitted by:
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