

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, April 10th, 2024 AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 1843 hours by Board Chair Phyllis Ellis. Present at roll call were Board Members Phyllis Ellis, JoAnne Ellsworth, Bob Murray and Dana Law. Debi Wise absent. A quorum existed.

Item 1: **FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET:** Discussion related to the upcoming budget process.. a review of the current budget, expenses vs. income, tax collections, upcoming expenditures, transfers and encumbrances, future facility needs, future staffing, apparatus and equipment needs. Chief Moran agreed to obtain bids for handicap parking and associated sidewalk on the North side of the Administration building.

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: **POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** The board reviewed the following policies for consideration at a future board meeting.

210 Solicitation of Funds
306 Response Time Standards
1014 Outside Employment

Item 4: **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned by Board Chair Ellis at 1945

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

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