MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 2024, AT 3:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours by Board member Debi Wise. Present at roll call were Board Members: Debi Wise, Dana Law, Keith Rogers, Mike Nervik and Soni Cido.
A quorum existed.

Item 1: **Cochise County Treasurer Cathy Traywick:** Board met with Cochise County Treasurer, Cathy Traywick, to discuss budgets.

Item 1 Justification:

District budget had a looming matter in terms of approx.$104,000 that was to be rolled over. The roll over was null and void as a quorum was lost with Clerk Murray's resignation at the start of the June 26th meeting. County Treasure and Deputy County Administrator Sharon Gilman recommended the district board call an emergency meeting and meet with the treasurer to discuss options for the districts $104,000 dollars. The meeting was called for emergency due to newly appointed members unable to meet during the holiday. Monday July 8th was the soonest the quorum could be present to hold the meeting with the County Treasurer.

No Board action taken.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Actual carry forward balance
- 6.26.2024 $104,789.52 transfer request not valid or processed due to lack of quorum
- $104,789.52 in general ledger account
- $104,789.52 must be worked into budget to avoid reduction of tax rate and to enable utilization in the Districts 5- Year plan
- Outstanding warrants reduces carry forward balance
- Moving of monies between line items in budget
- District needs
- Advisement on putting together and presenting a 5-Year Plan to taxpayers
- Advisement for what to do with excess funds
- Function of the Reserve
- Traywick suggests 5-Year Plan review
- Future new fire fighter position compensation not to be included in Reserve because this is not capital
- Traywicks advisement to move funds to Reserve once the Board is properly added to NBA account(s)
- Effects of moving Reserve funds on upcoming hearing and fiscal budget
- Budget Hearing proposed for 7.29.2024
- Second Emergency meeting purpose
- Amendment of Budget process/guidelines
- Implications of taxation changes
- Truth and taxation meeting

- Traywick advises Board to contact Cochise County Attorney Denise Ridley regarding if a Truth and Taxation meeting is needed and scheduling
- Annual tax rate
- When and why a Truth and Taxation meeting is needed
- Brian Pyles reviews Budget worksheets forms
- Cochise County website information is public record, but direct access is only granted to approved District entities
- It is illegal to exceed budget
- Federal and State government compensation timeline for Wildland Fires and that timelines implications on budget
- Cochise County Technical Support Brian Pyles 520-432-8410
- Cochise County Treasurer Cathy Traywick 520-432-8409
- Cochise County Chief Deputy Treasurer Maria Pitzlin 520-432-8419
- Budget amendment(s) to be reviewed by public
- Traywicks recognition that the Mescal-J6 Fire District is in a high response/ use area not just for the residents but also to I-10 and Highway 90

Item 2: **Adjourn:**

Keith Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Mike Nervik seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0 with Dana Law – yes, Debi Wise- yes, Keith Rogers – yes, Mike Nervik – yes, and Soni Cido – yes.

Debi Wise adjourned the meeting. Meeting End Time 1531 hours.

Minutes complied and submitted by:
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Office Administrator