



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD**

Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 6:30 PM

98 N. Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602

Minutes

Call to Order 6:31 pm

Roll Call:

Chairman Dana Law Present
Clerk Debi Wise Present
Board member Sonja Salcido Absent
Board member Wade Temple Absent
Board member William Clowers Present
Board member Chief Nied Present.

A quorum is present.

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: BOARD COMMENTS / CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Board member comments:

Chairman Law addressed community conjecture on social media.

- Emergency water has been secured on the North side of the RR tracks.
- The Chief works for the Board, however, Operations is the Chief's job, not the Board's.
- The District's water truck that was removed from a private residence belonging to Owen Kiley, who resides North of the tracks, was removed due to the District's apparatus not being insured, is completely unsafe to operate, and Mr. Kiley is no longer a volunteer with the District.
- The Merger was not "back doored", as the presentation was done by Granite Seven Solutions, who would have done the feasibility study, was done at a public meeting (May 27, 2026) with St. David's board and firefighters, and the Mescal J6 Board and firefighters, present to hear the presentation.

Clerk Wise:

- Thanked Captain Olander and the Firefighters for taking the initiative to completely revamp the meeting room into a much more efficient layout.
- Statement: The Board encourages members of the public who have questions to submit them prior to the meeting, as noted on the agenda. Submitted questions may be addressed during Board



Comments. To date, no questions had been submitted. Questions raised during Call to the Public will not be answered or addressed, as there is no dialogue between the Board and the public during that portion of the meeting.

Call to the Public:

1. Christina Libercci submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning emergency water access North of the tracks.
2. Mitchell Culp submitted his request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning: emergency water access North of the tracks.
3. Stephanie Libercci submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning Chief working on grants, maintenance on the proposed new fire station.
4. Robin Johnson of the Cumaro Valley Road Association submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning emergency water access North of the tracks and asked if there was something the community could do to rectify the concern.
5. Kay Gardner submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning Fire District information availability and where to find it.
6. Owen Kiley submitted his request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning his former volunteer status.

No action taken.

Item 3: APPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2026 made by Will Clowers; seconded by Debi Wise.
No discussion.

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent
Sonja Salcido Absent
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting for June 24, 2026.

Item 4: APPROVED FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to table the financial report of June 2026 made by William Clowers; 2nd Debi Wise.
No discussion.



Vote:

Wade Temple Absent

Sonja Salcido Absent

William Clowers Yes

Debi Wise Yes

Dana Law Yes

Due to the unavailability of the accounting team, the item was tabled to a future meeting.

Item 5: BADGE PINNING/PROMOTION- BEN BREWER

Celebrated the promotion of FF Ben Brewer from Reserve FF to Full-time FF, off probation, acknowledging his many hours of training and skills, and taking his oath. FF Brewer was pinned by Captain Olander.

No action taken.

Item 6: SOP UPDATE: DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Motion to approve the updated Disposal of Assets policy 090 made by Debi Wise; 2nd Will Clowers.

Discussion: Debi Wise explained the Disposal of Assets form attached to the new policy. Will Clowers likes the wet signature for who is responsible for decommissioning the assets.

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent

Sonja Salcido Absent

William Clowers Yes

Debi Wise Yes

Dana Law Yes

Approved Updated Policy 090 Disposal of Assets and corresponding Disposal of Asset form.

Item 7: MERGER STUDY

Motion to cease the merger study with St. David Fire District, take no further action on the proposed merger, and authorize payment to Ms. Mary Dalton of Granite Seven Solutions for expenses to date, made by Debi Wise seconded by Will Clowers.

Discussion:

Chairman Law stated that there will be no merger at this time and we will be paying Mary Dalton \$100 for her gas, as agreed.



Clerk Wise Thank our Board members for staying calm and focusing on facts, rather than emotion and conjecture.

Debi Wise stated that she and Chairman Law had attended last week's St. David Fire District Board meeting, where that Board approved postponing the merger study for two years. She is not in favor of a merger with the St. David District at all, as things currently stand.

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent

Sonja Salcido Absent

William Clowers Yes

Debi Wise Yes

Dana Law Yes

Approved merger study cessation and Ms. Dalton to be paid \$100 for her gas to come to the Mescal J6 Fire District for the public presentation May 27, 2026.

Item 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION: FIRE CHIEF ANNUAL EVALUATION

Motion to postpone the item regarding amendments to the Chief's employment contract and evaluation, and to schedule a Special Meeting with executive session for that purpose made by Debi Wise;

2nd: Chairman Law.

Discussion: Debi Wise stated that due to two of the Board members being absent to attend to family matters, but expressed their desire to be present for the evaluation and renewal of Chief's contract, postponement is recommended.

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent

Sonja Salcido Absent

William Clowers Yes

Debi Wise Yes

Dana Law Yes

Agenda item tabled until a Special meeting to be scheduled.
No action taken.

Item 9: FIRE CHIEF EVALUATION

Agenda item skipped.

No action taken.



Item 10: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE BY CHIEF NIED

Chief Nied presented the latest update on the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan
No action taken.

Item 11: CHIEF'S REPORT

Update on District operations included in the Strategic Plan presentation.
No action taken.

Item 12: RESERVE TRANSFER:

Motion to approve the transfer from the Reserve account in the amount of no more than \$17,625.15 for the set of 3 turnouts, to be reimbursed by the 100-Club grant made by: Debi Wise; 2nd Will Clowers.

No discussion.

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent

Sonja Salcido Absent

William Clowers Yes

Debi Wise Yes

Dana Law Yes

Approved Reserve transfer in the amount of \$17,625.15.

Item 13: FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be August 26, 2026.

Item 14: FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):

None brought forth.

Item 15: ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Will Clowers; 2nd Debi Wise

No discussion:

Vote:

Wade Temple Absent



Sonja Salcido Absent
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Minutes compiled and submitted by:
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Mescal J6 Fire District Board Clerk