MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, August 25, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1833 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Phyllis Ellis, Robert Murray, and Brian Hughes joined by telephone.

Item 1: Call to the Public** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date."

Item 2: Minutes: Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the July 28th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Brian Hughes made a motion to approve the July 28th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Mary Bowen seconded. Motion carries 3 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, and Brian Hughes – yes. Phyllis Ellis and Robert Murray abstain.

Item 3: Financial Report: Ms. Natalie Galgano, Municipal Accounts & Consulting, provided a brief summary of the District's financial activities. The Board reviewed and discussed approval of the July 2021 financials as prepared by Ms. Galgano.

Phyllis Ellis made a motion to approve the July 2021 financials. Mary Bowen seconded. Motion carries 5 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Robert Murray – yes.

Item 4: Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief John Moran presented a summary of recent administrative and operational activities at MJFD, including information regarding incident response, training, vehicle and facility maintenance, legislative issues, and/or other relevant topics.

Item 5: Presentation: Chief Moran presented Michelle Galindo with a plaque, in appreciation for her recent donation of a vehicle used by firefighters for extrication training.

Item 6: Censorship: Reviewed and discussed possible action regarding recent complaints that the governing board attempted to censor email communications from members of the public.

Item 7: Conflicts of Interest: Reviewed and discussed possible action regarding board member conflicts of interest, minimum eligibility requirements, and the vetting of candidates prior to election or appointment.

Item 8: Strategic Plan: Reviewed and discussed possible action regarding strategic planning (five-year plan) and funding for same.

Item 9: Performance Review: In accordance with Arizona Revise Statute §38-431.03(A)(1) The Governing Board voted to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a performance review for Chief John Moran. Possible board action includes adjustments to salary, benefits, and/or contract terms.

Brian Hughes made a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct the Fire Chiefs performance review. Mary Bowen seconded. Carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Robert Murray – yes.

Mark Lee started a recess at 1950 so that the board could conduct their Executive Session. Mark Lee called the meeting back to order at 2034.

Mary Bowen made a motion to approve the Fire Chiefs contract for employment with a $500 a month increase in salary. Phyllis Ellis seconded. Motion carries 5-0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Robert Murray – yes.

Item 10: Call to the Public: Reviewed and discussed possible action regarding the status of the Call to the Public at future MJFD Board Meetings.

Mark Lee made a motion to remove Call to the Public. Mary Bowen seconded. Motion fails 3-2 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – no, Phyllis Ellis – no, Robert Murray – no.

Item 11: Adjourn: Mary Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carries 5 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, Brian Hughes – yes, Phyllis Ellis – yes, Robert Murray – yes.

Mark Lee adjourned the meeting at 2049 hours.

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

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