



LAKE MOHAVE RANCHOS

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 FOR LAKE MOHAVE RANCHOS FIRE DISTRICT BY THE GOVERNING BOARD

The 2018-2019 Budget Workshop, established by the Governing Board of the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District, held a special workshop on April 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. located at 16154 Pierce Ferry Rd (Chamber of Commerce), Dolan Springs, AZ.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER.

- Director Cass called meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Mike Karash, Deb Cass, Rick Sherwood, Charlotte Kiffer and Eric Terrill were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- RECITED.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE. *(Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item(s) that are not on the Agenda that are raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board Members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restriction of the Opening Meeting Law.)*

- Walt Kiffer spoke in regard to ambulance revenue being down for about 3-4 months in a row, noting that Mr. Buldra had stated it was down Statewide. Mr. Kiffer stated, “nobody seems to have an explanation for it.” He noted that he is in hopes the new budget takes into account the downward trend on ambulance income. Mr. Kiffer noted that it’s hard for the public to ask questions about the budget, and the Board had voted to have the income statements on the website and copies available at meetings; additionally stating, “I haven’t seen any of that since the Board took action on that.” Mr. Kiffer also stated at the last meeting when the Board reconvened into public session, the Board directed for the LMRFD Attorney to take a matter to the District Attorney, he asked if they could elaborate on that matter. Director Cass responded to that inquiry, “no, unfortunately not.”
- Frank Geraci stated he was the one who asked about the LMRFD P&L statement, noting that when it’s being read “we” (public) don’t know what is under budget. He noted that a P&L should be available to the public (website/at meetings). He stated that at least this FY should be posted, in addition to FY 2017 and prior years LMRFD P&L statements should be posted.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion and review of: The 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget projection of estimated revenues

and expenditures; possible Budget Draft for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. (Buldra)

- Mr. Buldra reviewed with the LMRFD Board of Directors and members of the public the projected FY 18-19 Budget, providing an overview. Mr. Buldra noted that once the Board tentatively adopts the Budget it will be posted for 20 days prior to an official vote for the new FY 18-19 Budget, also providing a public hearing and then the Board can take an official vote. Mr. Buldra reviewed historical and bad debt, and ambulance collectable revenue. Director Sherwood inquired about the Mediclaim data and where the information is stored. Mr. Buldra stated it's all stored with Mediclaim and is federally mandated. Mr. Sherwood wanted to know more regarding the data tracked on ambulance collections. Chief DeMaio stated that insurance pays out within 30-90 days for those claims. Mr. Buldra spoke about a 457 Plan enrollment and SS, noting that employees must be in a FICA plan. Mr. Buldra reviewed FF being enrolled in PSPRS. Mr. Buldra suggested putting POC into 457 at 2.7% with a savings to the District. Mr. Buldra noted that with the Administrative positions putting a plan of 3.75% from the District and difference to employee and removing them from SS. Mr. Buldra noted that it provides a retirement savings plan and benefits saving the District expenses. Director Kiffer wanted to make sure employees knew what the difference in SS would mean vs. the new plan idea. Chief DeMaio clarified that both personnel in that designated area were fine with the new plan idea. Mr. Buldra noted the District is on track to spend about \$34K in legal fees. Mr. Buldra spoke about raises for the employees and budgeting across the board for that increase. He suggested a .45 raise and later in discussion when it was being discussed that only Suppression Staff receive the \$0.45 raise, Director Kiffer suggested adding an extra \$0.50 in addition for Suppression Staff only. Director Kiffer noted this would make employment more attractive with LMRFD and to the Meadview area. Mr. Buldra indicated he thought that might be possible with moving some monies around from other line items savings, especially for the .50 additional increase was paid later in the fiscal year. Mr. Buldra confirmed to Director Kiffer and Board Members and Officers that liability insurance was in the budget. Mr. Buldra reviewed line item increases, revenues, expenditures, and liabilities. The Board of Directors and Fire Chief along with Mr. Buldra conversed about how much monies to budget for in specific areas, they ensued in suggestions. Mr. Buldra is preparing a budget outline draft based on discussion for presentation for the Board at the May meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

- Director Cass adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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(This is a working draft, until Board approval)

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