



Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE MOHAVE RANCHOS FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District met in Regular Session on **Thursday 06/16/2022 at 10:00 a.m.** The Meeting was held at the **Meadview Civic Association (247 Meadview Blvd, Meadview, AZ 86444)**. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session on any Agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) for legal direction with the District's Attorney on matters as set forth in the Agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

1) CALL TO ORDER 10:01

2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- PRESENT

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE (To honor those who serve our Country and within Public Safety and to those we've lost) Led by Director Karash

4) EXECUTIVE BUSINESS (Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S §38.431.03 (A) (3))

New Business: no executive session scheduled

5) MINUTES

05/19/2022 Regular Minutes

Motion to accept 05/19/2022 Regular Minutes as presented: Director Aitken

Seconded: Director Karash

Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE

6) CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Financial Report:** Gabe Buldra of JVG will review financial report (phone)

Presented by Steve Rodriguez

Revenue for May is \$108K, which is under budget by \$52.6K. Tax revenue for May is \$50.7K, which is under budget by \$44.3K. Non-tax revenue for May is \$57.6K, which is under budget by \$8.3K.

Expenses for May totaled \$78.7L, which is under budget by \$16.4K. Wildland expenses are \$18.8K under budget.

Year-to-date, total revenue is \$1.395 million, which is \$6.6K over budget.

Year-to-date, total expense is \$1.189 million, which is \$40K under budget.

b. Chief Report: Fire Chief Tim Bonnee will review chief's report

Run Report:

AMR Transports: 0

Med Calls: 102

Dolan Transports: 79

Dolan Refusals: 4

Dolan Public Assists: 4

Fire Calls: 21

Mutual Aid Calls: 0

HWY 93 Calls: 24

Meadview Calls: 12

Meadview Transports: 10

Meadview Refusals: 2

Meadview Public Assists: 0

Meadview Coverage Days: 15

Meetings/Conferences/Trainings:

Run review was on 05/10/2022

District Properties:

Nothing to report.

District Vehicles:

- R-435 needed maintenance done to pass inspection for Wildland use. The parts were ordered online and installed by the Fire Chief to save on costs.
- The blue ambulance has returned from the shop, where they installed new injectors and glow plugs.
- Projects in the Works:
- Surplus equipment has been put up for auction, including all old SCBA gear, the water tanker at station 43, and the spare utility ambulance.
- Results for the two AFG grants have not come in yet.
- Using the fire training donation, one of the paramedics is now halfway through the fire academy and will be going to Texas in September for hands-on training.
- A tender has been sent to the Pipeline fire in Flagstaff and an ambulance is at the Midnight Fire in New Mexico.
- The invoice for the Calf Canyon fire was accepted for \$33.4K.
- The LMRFD volunteer application is being revised for clarity.

Fire Chief Bonnee told the Board that Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) are now permitted to transport patients to our base hospital. They must be nationally certified and must have a paramedic or EMT present in the vehicle. They must pass an agility test, drug test, and obtain a physical. They will not be permitted to perform patient assessments.

The closest places to get EMR certified are in either Vegas or Phoenix.

Bonnee also said that all air ambulances are changing their billing. If insurance doesn't cover a flight, a patient will no longer be billed.

c. **Admin report:** no admin report scheduled

7) REGULAR SESSION

New Business:

a. **Discussion and possible action:** Public hearing on the LMRFD 2023 budget. (Will need board motion to open and close the hearing.) (Chief Bonnee)

Public meeting was opened at 10:13 am. No public was present to make a comment.

Motion to close hearing: Director Aitken

Seconded: Garza

Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE

b. **Discussion and possible action:** Final Adoption of the LMRFD 20203 budget. (Chief Bonnee)

Presented by Steven Rodriguez.

No revisions had been made that would increase the budget. The most pertinent revision was to the assessed value of the District. The prior number of \$19.7 million given to us by Mohave county was only preliminary, and the final number sits at \$20.4 million.

Motion to approve the final adoption of the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget: Director Aitken

Seconded: Director Garza

Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE

c. **Discussion and possible action:** Annual Pension Funding Policy approval. (Chief Bonnee)

The pension policy is adjusted every year and requires approval. It currently takes up 8.2% of the total budget. At this rate, it should be paid off by 2048.

The Board had previously assigned any monies from Proposition 207 to be funneled into PSPRS in order to pay it off more quickly. Any other adjustments will be made as the District's financial situation allows.

Motion to approve the Annual Pension Funding Policy- Director Aitken

Seconded: Director Karash

Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE

d. **Discussion and possible action:** Fuel storage and supply system installation at Station 41 (Director Aitken)

The electrician for the fuel system visited the site that morning and will have a quote for the District by Monday. The quote for the six-foot fence and posts is around \$7.7K

Permitting is the only hurdle that remains. The District has been unable to reach the person responsible at the Mohave County office despite attempting to reach her repeatedly over the past few weeks. The Fire Chief or an admin may need to visit the office in person to get the permits.

Nothing will be paid for until the permits are in place and the District is ready to begin installation.

Director Braaten asked if it would be possible to install a second tank to fuel the vehicles of volunteers. The Fire Chief said that yes, the system will easily allow the addition of up to three more tanks at any time. No other permits will be needed, either.

8) **CALL to the PUBLIC.** *(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).*

No public present.

9) CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Specified tabled items will move to following month's Regular Meeting, unless noted otherwise and/or pending additional information.

More explanation of the interest and other fees for PSPRS. (Braaten)
Fuel stipend for personnel and their personal vehicles. (Bonnee)
Change order of agenda for financial for efficiency
Change Dolan Springs meeting to Wednesdays so it stays at 10am (Aitken)

10) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE & LOCATION. (Subject to change, notice/announcement will be posted via District Website, if any changes occur.) **07/21/2022 at 1:00 pm.** at the ***Dolan Springs Chamber of Commerce (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd Dolan Springs, AZ).***

Motion to close meeting at 10:56 am: Director Braaten

Seconded: Director Garza

Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Garza, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE

MINUTES prepared by Jen Gardner

Date: 06/19/2022

MINUTES signed/posted by Jen Gardner

Date: 06/20/2022 7:30 am

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LMRFD Official Posting Locations:

Administration / St. 41 (16126 Pierce Ferry Rd Dolan Springs, AZ)
Dolan Springs Chamber of Commerce (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd Dolan Springs, AZ)

St. 43 (30250 Stillwater Meadview, AZ)
US Post Office (250 Pueblo Drive, Meadview AZ)

LMRFD Website (www.lmrfd.org)