



# Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District



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

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The Governing Board of the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District met in Regular Session on **Thursday 07/21/2022 at 1:00 p.m.** The Meeting was held at the **Dolan Springs Chamber of Commerce (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd Dolan Springs, AZ)**. 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

Call to order at 1:07 PM.

### 2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

**Directors Aitken, Braaten, and Chairperson Koeppen- PRESENT**

**Director Karash present by phone at 1:35 PM.**

**Director Garza- ABSENT.**

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

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

**Motion to enter executive session at 1:09 PM: Director Braaten**

**Seconded: Director Aitken.**

**Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, and Chairperson Koeppen- AYE**

### New Business:

**a. Discussion:** Update on AG complaints. (Chairperson Koeppen)

Executive closed at 1:31 PM.

### 5) MINUTES

06/16/2022 Regular Minutes

**Motion to approve 06/16/2022 Regular Minutes as presented: Director Aitken**

**Seconded: Director Braaten**

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

## 6) CONSENT AGENDA

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

### Run Report:

**AMR Transports:** 2

**Med Calls:** 101

**Dolan Transports:** 77

**Dolan Refusals:** 6

**Dolan Public Assists:** 5

**Fire Calls:** 23

**Mutual Aid Calls:** 0

**HWY 93 Calls:** 21

**Meadview Calls:** 11

**Meadview Transports:** 8

**Meadview Refusals:** 3

**Meadview Public Assists:** 0

**Meadview Coverage Days:** 17

### Meetings/Conferences/Trainings:

**Run review:** 06/14/2022

**MCFOA Meeting:** 06/23/2022

### District Vehicles:

- R-415 Chevy ambulance had to have a new A/C condenser put in. It is the first rig out in Dolan Springs.
- R-415R is the second rig out in Dolan Springs. It is running but is still having intermittent A/C and turbo lagging issues.
- R-435 is the first out rig in Meadview. It had new glow plugs and injectors installed and it is running well.
- E-431 is the first out engine in Meadview. There are no issues and it is running well.
- E-411 is the first out engine in Dolan Springs. It had the water leak fixed and it is awaiting parts to have the pump packing resealed. Otherwise, it is in service and working well.
- T-418 is a tender in Dolan Springs. The pump packing was replaced and it is back in service.
- R-435 is a Wildland ambulance. While out on assignment, it had a starter and fuel injection control module go out. They were replaced and fixed in New Mexico prior to returning to Base. This same unit was sent out again to New Mexico last Tuesday. They had to stop in Albuquerque to have a new windshield put in. We will get reimbursed by insurance for the new windshield.
- B-416 is the truck that caught on fire. We had to replace a shorted-out siren box.
- T-428 required replacement batteries.
- C-401's transmission is starting to slip and lag but is running and in service.

### Projects in the works:

- T-438 went up for auction on Public Surplus with a starting bid of \$7100. After tax, it sold for \$40,600.
- Still no word on when we will find out about the AFG grant results.
- With the new information about the tax initiative, we are planning ahead so we are prepared if it goes through. My proposal is to move one of our medics up to a Battalion Chief position, hire a couple more medics and EMTs to staff Meadview, and open Shift Captain positions with current staff. We are also looking at the possibility of purchasing another staff vehicle so that the chief truck can be taken in and things fixed, such as transmission issues. The new vehicle can also be used for the Battalion Chief.
- They also performed two mock votes for the tax initiative and they both passed with about 98% approval.
- We are still going through hurdles for the permit for the fuel system. The county wants architectural drawings of everything. This is being taken care of.
- We still have the old SCBAs on the public auction site.
- A locksmith will be required to make a new key for the utilit van before I put it up on the auction site. I am also putting some of our old cascade systems up on the auction site to clear out some of the old equipment we don't use.

### Wildland Responses:

Crooks Fire collected: \$31,336.85

Calf Canyon Fire collected: \$33,400.76

Pipeline Fire collected: \$26,791.71

Black Fire billed out for: \$30,361.62

Midnight Fire billed out for: \$9,766.62

For a total of \$131,657.63

Wildland expenses are roughly around \$23,900.

**b. Admin report:** Presented by the Gardners.

Starlink has been installed at Station 43. We now have functional high-speed satellite internet at both stations.

We have been attempting to contact Frontier about updating our service and equipment. The required department has been unreachable since before July 4<sup>th</sup>. Speaking with one of our JVG accountants, she has also been having the same problem. However, as of this morning the accountant found a name and number for someone at Frontier that may be able to help. We will follow up.

Jen Gardner was present at Station 43 yesterday when the A/C technicians arrived to fix the unit. The blower was replaced and the air conditioner is now functional, but they highly recommend replacing the entire system because it is very old. Their quote was around \$10K. We will look into obtaining others and see if we can get Board approval to install a new system before the next regular meeting.

**c. Financial Report:** Presented by Steven Rodriguez of James Vincent Group.

Revenue for the month of June is \$135,103, which is over budget by \$62,636. Tax revenue for June is \$40,335, which is over budget by \$33,783. Non-Tax revenue for June is \$94,768, which is over budget by \$28,853. Wildland revenue is over budget by \$20,192.

Expense for June totaled \$98,279, which is under budget by \$7,248. Personnel expense is \$4,142 under budget.

Year to date, total revenue is \$1,530,318, which is \$69,256 over budget. This was driven by ambulance revenue, which was over budget by \$58,814.

Year to date, total expense is \$1,290,398, which is \$44,669 under budget. Personnel expense is \$66,485 under budget.

**Motion to accept consent agenda: Director Aitken**

**Seconded: Director Karash**

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

**7) REGULAR SESSION**

**New Business:**

a. **Discussion and possible action:** Update on AG complaints (Chairperson Koeppen)

Discussed in executive. Will continue to follow advice of attorney.

b. **Discussion:** Explanation of interest and other fees concerning PSPRS (Director Braaten)

Director Braaten asked for clarification on what other charges exist concerning PSPRS. Mr. Rodriguez of James Vincent Group explained that the District is paying 7.3% interest. This number is across the board for everyone that is a part of PSPRS for handling unfunded liabilities. There are no other fees.

c. **Discussion and possible action:** Review of JVG contract with potential of changing (Director Aitken)

Director Aitken brought attention to the James Vincent Group contract, where she mentioned that our copy only has a former Board member's signature. She asked if it would be possible to update the current contract with a signature from a current Board member and JVG representative. Mr. Rodriguez said it wasn't a problem and he would prepare it.

d. **Discussion and possible action:** Call stipend for volunteers. (Fire Chief Bonnee)

Fire Chief Bonnee said he did research on creating a stipend for the volunteers that use District vehicles to respond to calls. Nationwide, such stipends average \$4-6 per call. Legally, the District cannot give the volunteers a salary or pay them per hour.

He stressed that this was strictly for when volunteers use agency apparatus. If they use personal vehicles, the stipend would not apply. The Fire Chief said he was going to speak with the attorney to release the District from liability. Item tabled until more information is gathered.

**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).*

Ellen Rey-Bower of N Needle, Dolan Springs wanted clarification about the staffing at Meadview if the tax initiative passes. Fire Chief Bonnee said he is planning on two medics and two EMTs, with other shifts filled by POCs (Persons on Call).

She also asked about the old ambulance up at Station 43 and whether or not it would be going to auction. The Fire Chief said it would be.

Lastly, she cautioned about the call stipends. Rey Bower said that there were problems with stipends in the past and that is why they moved to using reimbursements.

**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.

Discussion and Possible Action: Lease agreements with the library and the Chamber of Commerce- Chairperson Koeppen.

**10) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE & LOCATION.** (Subject to change, notice/announcement will be posted via District Website, if any changes occur.) **08/18/2022 at 10:00 am** at the **Meadview Civic Association (247 Meadview Blvd, Meadview, AZ 86444)**

**Motion to close the 07/21/2022 regular meeting at 2:21 PM: Director Braaten.**

**Seconded: Director Aitken**

**Vote: Directors Aitken, Braaten, Karash, and Chairperson Koeppen: AYE**

MINUTES prepared by Jen Gardner

Date: 07/25/2022

MINUTES signed/posted by Jen Gardner

Date: 07/25/2022 11:00 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)  
Meadview Civic Association (247 Meadview Blvd, Meadview, AZ 86444)

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