



# Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District



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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 Special Session on **11/29/2022** 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, were subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items were set for possible action.

**\*Meeting was delayed due to one of the directors\***

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Koeppen called the meeting to order at 1:27 pm

### 2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS 1:27 pm

Director Braaten present

Director Koeppen present

Director Aitken 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)*

Director Braaten led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

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

No Executive Session was scheduled for this meeting.

### 5) SPECIAL SESSION

#### New Business:

a) **New Board Member Gordon Johnson and present Chair Theodora Koeppen were sworn in by Director Aitken.**

b) **Discussion and possible action: Purchasing of new Type 6 brush truck Chief Bonnee 1:32 pm**

Chief Bonnee began discussion of this item by addressing the financial report of last month, in which he pointed out the current brush truck has cost us over \$12,000.00 in repairs in the past 11 months. He contributed this to it being a 1999 and being the previous chief's vehicle that he took home. He continued with the roads here aren't all nice and paved which takes a toll on these trucks. He continued with he spoke to Gabe of JVG about buying another vehicle and was told we could afford about \$150,000.00 as a district. Chief Bonnee continued with he was not comfortable with spending that much but one of the firefighters had found a Brush truck in a fire and EMS buy sell group. Said truck is 8 years newer, 4-wheel drive, lockers, with a winch, lower miles, and a pump with only 8 hours which would all be very useful for the area we are in. The truck also has a smaller tank but a high-pressure water system meaning you can make 200 gallons last about an hour and a half to put out a semi fire. After showing Gabe the truck, which was listed for \$35,000.00 he said to jump on it and bring it to the board ASAP. The truck can also be utilized for wildland as it's a crew cab and our current one is a single cab. Director

Koeppen addressed Chief bringing up him selling the old volunteer rig for over a thousand more than we paid, as well as finding such a good deal. Director Aitken asked the Chief the mileage of the new truck compared to the old as well as the revenue it would bring in on wildland compared to a tender. Chief Bonnee explained the rates will be renewing in February, so he is not sure but currently tenders do make more. He continued with we have a grant in for a tender and need a more reliable brush truck. He continued by saying the truck had broken down and needed towed at least 6 times while responding and caught on fire twice. This is not safe. Director Aitken agreed that we need one but would like some numbers from Gabe to see the comparison between getting a new tender or new brush truck. She also expressed concern about the financial side as well as the staffing. Chief Bonnee replied with we have two spare ambulances and a grant for the tender that he feels very confident we will get. The grant writer said approval for one is typically two-three years and this is our third year. Director Koeppen added that like many things in life if you have a good deal in front of you, you should take it as an opportunity like this is not found every day. Director Aitken asked what kind of reimbursement we would be looking at and is this a firm purchase. Chief Bonnee explained that we would make revenue on vehicle fires as well as wildland if sent out, as well as yes, its firm. If approved, he will be going to pick it up this coming Friday. Director Aitken moved to approve Chief Bonnee to purchase a Type 6 brush truck for \$35,000.00

Director Braaten seconded

All members voted AYE and it was approved **1:54pm**

**6) 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).* **1:58pm**

Gordon Johnson from Dolan Springs asked if there was a budget for capital purchases and where this \$35,000.00 would leave us. Susan Nelson told him the full financials are on the website.

Susan Nelson from Dolan springs wanted to know if it was a gas or diesel brush truck, as well as what the cost of fueling it would be like. She also wanted to know if the extra money from buying the brush truck would be used to pay off the ambulance.

**7) CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Director Aitken - discussion and direction of future meetings.

**8) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE & LOCATION:** (Subject to change, notice/announcement will be posted via District Website, if any changes occur.) **12/15/2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Meadview Civic Association 247 Meadview BLVD, Meadview AZ 86444**

Director Aitken moved to close the meeting at **2:04 pm**

Director Braaten seconded the motion

Motion carried and meeting was closed at **2:04pm**

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Approved by LMRFD Board on:

Date: 11/29/2022  
Date: 12/15/2022

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