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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 03/20/2025 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Dolan Spring Chamber of Commerce (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd. Dolan Springs, AZ 86441).

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

Director Koeppen called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Director Nelson - Present

Director Reh-Bower – Present

Director Geisler – Present

Director Koeppen – Present

Director Garza – 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 Koeppen) 1:02 pm

4) EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S §38.431.03 (A) (3))* No executive session is scheduled for this meeting.

5) MINUTES

Director Koeppen called for additions or corrections to the February 2025 meeting minutes at 1:03 pm.

Director Reh-Bower pointed out a couple of details about the crew that should be corrected on page 5 under the Discussion of Run 25LM-0101.

Director Koeppen called for a motion to accept the minutes with corrections as noted by Director Reh-Bower at 1:11 pm

Director Nelson moved to accept the February 2025 meeting minutes with the corrections pointed out by director Reh-Bower.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All directors voted AYE, and the minutes were accepted as written. 1:11 pm

6) CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Chief Report:** Presented by Fire Chief Bonnee

(Notwithstanding subsection H of this section, the chief administrator, presiding officer or a member of a public body may present a brief summary of current events without listing in the agenda the specific matters to be summarized, if:

- 1. The summary is listed on the agenda. 2. The public body does not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action at that meeting on any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. (A.R.S. 38-431.02.K.)*

February activities included:

AMR Transports: 0

Med Calls: 102

Dolan Transports: 74

Dolan refusals: 6

Dolan Public Assists: 4

Fire Calls: 15

Mutual Aid Calls: 0

Hwy 93 calls: 24

Meadview Calls: 21

Meadview Transports: 16

Meadview Refusals: 3

Meadview Public Assists: 2

Meadview coverage days: 19

Meetings/Conferences/Training:

- monthly run review.
- Monthly MCFOA meeting

District Properties:

- Chief reported that he is looking into signage changes and signs currently at the former Chamber of Commerce building will be replaced.
- We had a mold problem behind the kitchen walls, so those areas were torn out, sanitized and replaced by one of our on-call EMT people who did a thorough job of eliminating any traces of mold and correcting a leak inside the wall that was the root cause of the mold issue.

District Vehicles Tender 418 (our only water tender) is down with a blown motor and it appears the repair is going to be expensive. With the water tender down, it took all three fire engines to carry enough water to put out a recent fire. The tender carries more water than all three engines combined. Mutual aid agreements are in place, but it takes about 45 minutes+ for mutual aid to respond, so not having a working water tender is not an option for LMRFD. After discussion with Directors Reh-Bower and Nelson, the Chief is moving ahead with a complete engine rebuild at a cost of \$20k rather than a replacement engine (new) at almost \$60K.

Projects in the works:

- We did get 3 new volunteers
- Personnel are now required to go through a training task book and get certified or signed off by their training officer that they are competent and trained for each task.
- Mandatory Landing Zone training for everyone on Saturday the 22nd, group training with Guardian Air

- More annexation requests are coming in.
- All LMRFD ambulances passed the annual DHS inspections
- We have been waiting for a couple of Type 6 (brush truck) vehicles that the federal government is giving us. One of them is coming from Park Service and should be here in the next 2 weeks. The second truck is coming from BLM and an e-mail today said it will be ready the first week of April.
- We are awaiting the results of a grant request that has been submitted to the government for another tender. We have applied for the last three years without success, but this year is looking better for a win. Award will be in the Aug-Sept timeframe.
- Chief indicated that one way or another, LMRFD is going to have to acquire another water tender because we are totally dependent on our ability to shuttle water when a fire event occurs.

The report concluded at 1:30 pm.

b. Financial Report: presented by Steven Rodriguez of JVG

Steven Rodriguez of JVG presented the monthly financial report via phone.

Key points:

- Revenue for the month of February is \$77,089, which is over budget by \$11,944.
 - o Tax Revenue for February is \$47,720 which is over budget by \$11,741.
 - o Non-Tax Revenue February is \$29,369 which is over budget by \$203.
 - Interest Income is over \$1,919.
 - Misc Income is under budget \$2,083.
- Expenses for February totaled \$139,398 which is over budget by \$36,911.
 - o Vehicle Maintenance is over budget \$29,585, due to more than anticipated maintenance.
- YTD Total Revenue is \$1,267,062 which is \$64,944 over budget
- YTD Expense is \$1,266,061 which is \$117,149 over budget.

Director Nelson asked for more info concerning the overbudget items and asked if we anticipate enough income to even those numbers out by fiscal year's end. That spurred some discussion on higher-than-expected vehicle maintenance, and building and land costs and how to cover them in the budget. Steven said this has been an exceptionally bad year for LMRFD in those areas and he and Chief Bonnee will be meeting to work out budgeting for next year with these costs in mind.

Director Reh-Bower asked about a few different charges on the credit card bills and got the explanations she was asking for.

Director Koeppen asked about ambulance revenue numbers showing on the report, specifically gross ambulance revenue and Ambulance allowance. Steven explained again that after Medicare and Medicaid adjustments, we are collecting about 39% of gross ambulance billing, which he and Chief Bonnee said is considerable better than other nearby districts. She asked for clarification of two line items under liabilities and Steven explained how those items work.

Directors Nelson and Koeppen both homed in on the line item for compensated absences and pointed out to Steven that LMRFD policy has changed and will affect this budget item. He said he will re-evaluate this line when he sees the revised policy.

With no other substantive questions from the board, Director Koeppen called for a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Director Nelson moved to accept the consent agenda with corrected minutes and financials as presented.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

Director Nelson voted AYE

Director Reh-Bower voted AYE

Director Geisler voted AYE

Director Koeppen voted AYE

Director Garza voted AYE

All votes being AYE, the consent agenda was approved at 1:56 pm.

7) REGULAR SESSION

Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Update on mass mailing (Glenn Gardner)

Item tabled, moved to April agenda

b. Discussion And Possible Action: Update on White Hills Annexations and Mapping (Glen Gardener)

Chief Bonnee asked for batch approval of seven new annexation requests

Director Koeppen called for a motion to approve the current batch of 7 new annexation requests

Director Geisler moved to approve the batch.

Director Nelson seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried and the batch of new annexations was approved.

c. Discussion And Possible Action: Update on Reputation Management (Director Emily Giesler)

Director Geisler reported that she has been on a hunt for existing promotional material, but is basically coming up dry at this point. Very little useable promotional material has surfaced so far. Chief Bonnie said he was working on some material last year but was sidetracked by Wildlands deployments and hasn't gotten back into that yet. He said he has worked some with Director Geisler recently and she has good ideas that they will be working on together. He mentioned that LMRFD was present for career day at the school and that event went well.

The ineffective LMRFD website was a subject of much discussion. Director Geisler is working on that as well.

Director Koeppen reminded the group that we will have a fire engine leading the parade on April 26.

Director Geisler said she will have a rough plan and promotional budget ready by next month's meeting. 2:08 pm

At the request of Director Reh-Bower, Director Koeppen decided to address agenda **item c. Discussion and Possible Action: Updating Our LMRFD Website Monthly (Emily Giesler)** under new business because that item also concerns the LMRFD website.

Director Geisler reported that she will have something more acceptable up and running by end of April.

Director Koeppen decided to move the agenda **new business item b. Discussion and Possible Action: Adding a Template to Our Agenda (Emily Giesler)** ahead Since Director Geisler already had the floor.

Director Geisler pointed out that the verbiage on our agenda template under call to the public might be difficult for some people to interpret. Director Koeppen asked her to write up what she would like to see replace the wording pulled from the open meeting law and table this item until next meeting. 2:19 pm

New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Cost of Starlink for Fire Station Rigs (Theodora Koeppen)

Chief Bonnee reported that DHS has mandated internet access on all the rigs for all CON (Certificate of Necessity) holders, so this is an expense we can't avoid. LMRFD was allowed to continue operating without this access under a waiver for a year but that waiver is about to run out so we must get the internet up and running on the rigs by June. Five rigs mobile performance plan with Source, Inc., after initial startup cost of \$ 17k, will fulfill the requirement at a low yearly cost., where other offers came in at up to \$42k and gave less functionality.

Director Koeppen called for a vote on the matter.

Director Nelson moved to approve the cost and get the service implemented.-

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All five directors responded with an AYE vote, the motion carried and the purchase was approved at 2:29 pm

d. Discussion And Possible Action: Work to Be Done on Signs at Dolan Springs Chamber and Station 41 (Ellen Reh Bower)

Director Reh-Bower said the chief is already working on this, specs are being developed with input from all. After a short discussion during which the directors aired additional thoughts about our signage, the subject closed at 2:32pm

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 at 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).

There were no members of the public who wished to speak. 1:33 pm

Director Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 pm

Director Geisler seconded the motion

All five directors voted AYE, and the meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm

9) CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

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

10) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE & LOCATION. (Subject to change, notice/announcement will be posted via District Website, if any changes occur.) 04/17/2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Meadview Civic Association 247 Meadview Blvd, Meadview AZ. 86444.

Director Koeppen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes prepared by: Glenn Gardner

Date: 03/24/25

Minutes signed/posted by: Jen Gardner

Date: 03/25/25 2:00 pm

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