



# 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 05/20/2025 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 1:00 pm.

### 2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Director Geisler - Present

Director Reh-Bower – Present

Director 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)* (Director Reh-Bower) 1:01 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 April 17, 2025, meeting minutes at 1:01 pm. She noted one needed correction on page 5 last to speak from the public was Kelly Newell, not Helen. There were no other needed corrections noted.

Director Koeppen called for a motion to accept the minutes with that one correction at 1:02 pm

Director Reh-Bower moved to accept the February 2025 meeting minutes with the correction pointed out by Director Koeppen.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All directors voted AYE, and the minutes were accepted as corrected. 1:02 pm

### 6) CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Chief Report:** Admin Shannon Tilley presented the monthly Chief's report since Chief Bonnee is unable to attend.

*(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: 91

Dolan Transports: 74

Fire Calls: 11

Mutual Aid Calls: 0

Hwy 93 calls: 19

Meadview Calls: 10

Meadview coverage days: 17

Meetings/Conferences/Training:

- monthly run review.
- Monthly MCFOA meeting

District Properties:

- Signs for the former Chamber building are done and awaiting pickup as of today.
- The inside of the building will be repainted this month and the outside will get new paint over the summer.

District Vehicles

- Tender 418 is fixed and back in service
- We have received the two Type 6 brush trucks and we're equipping them to go into service
- Battalion 4 truck is in the shop for repairs after hitting a cow while responding to a call. Insurance is covering the repair.

Projects in the works:

- We are re-applying for the Firehouse Subs grant for a side-by-side UTV; that will be written and ready for submittal by the October deadline.
- Chief (on his day off) and Pags together cleaned up around the heli-pad and burn pile areas, and we will be doing live fire training at the big burn pile within the next couple of weeks.
- We got the internet tracking routers on the ambulances and tablets are being set up for the new dispatch system.
- Fundraising is going well, planning for quite a few events, some of the board members are selling raffle tickets, and Director Geisler made up flyers for the raffle event. Burn permits have brought in \$340 since we began charging. Chief expressed thanks to all the board members for their help and support in the fundraising efforts.

The report concluded at 1:05 pm.

**b. Financial Report: presented by Steven Rodriguez of JVG**

Steven Rodriguez of JVG presented the monthly financial report via phone. 1:06 pm



Key points:

- Revenue for the month of April is \$206,452, which is over budget by \$46,359.
  - o Tax Revenue for April is \$139,461 which is under budget by \$41,867.
  - o Non-Tax Revenue for April is \$66,991 which is over budget by \$4,492.
    - ☐ Ambulance Revenue is over budget \$37,918.
    - ☐ Wildland fire is under budget \$33,333.
- Expenses for April totaled \$206,089 which is over budget by \$49,001.
  - o Vehicle Maintenance is over budget \$33,221, due to more than anticipated maintenance.
  - o Computer Equipment & Support is over budget \$14,782, due to higher than anticipated equipment purchases.
  - o Employee Training is over budget \$8,103, due to more than anticipated hourly wages.
- YTD Total Revenue is \$1,546,389 which is \$117,027 over budget.
- YTD Expense is \$1,570,427 which is \$179,567 over budget.

Director Reh-Bower asked about the \$8k over budget number for employee training, which on the report, shows as higher than anticipated hourly wages. Stephen checked that and said it was cost for tuition for LMRFD-sponsored crew medic training.

Director Koeppen asked about the timeline for budget submittal and Stephen explained that the budget has to be approved by the board of directors by July, turned in to the county board of supervisors by the end of July. Following the usual timeline, the budget would be tentatively adopted at today's meeting, with public hearing and final adoption at the June meeting, allowing us to go into July with an approved budget.

Director Koeppen also asked about the terms of the Chief's contract, and when it is due for renewal. Mr. Rodriguez said he would check the contract and have that info for the board at the next meeting.

Director Geisler asked why we are over budget on Station and janitorial expenses. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the replacement station furniture made up most of that overage. Since we don't have a charge code explicitly for furniture, the cost went against station expenses.

With no other substantive questions from the board, Director Koeppen called for a motion to accept the consent agenda at 1:15 pm.

Director Reh-Bower moved to accept the consent agenda with corrected minutes and financials as presented.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

Director Geisler voted AYE

Director Reh-Bower voted AYE

Director Koeppen voted AYE

All votes being AYE, the consent agenda was approved at 1:16 pm.

## 7) REGULAR SESSION

### Old Business



**a. Discussion and Possible Action: Annexation update (Glenn Gardner)**

Since Mr. Gardner was unable to attend this meeting, this item was tabled until next month. No action taken at this time. 1:17 pm.

**b. Discussion And Possible Action: Fundraiser Update (Director Koeppen)**

Director Koeppen said raffle ticket sales kicked off at the Spring Festival in Meadview on April 26<sup>th</sup>. LMRFD had a fire truck there for the event and brought in about \$200 in ticket sales that day. We were also represented at the May 1 COM meeting and sold another \$70 in tickets at that meeting.

On May 10, Director Reh-Bower sold more tickets at a neighborhood garage sale, bringing in another \$150 in ticket sales. She said some of the people had come not for the yard sale, but to buy raffle tickets in support of a power gurney purchase.

Director Koeppen said LMRFD will also be selling tickets at the St. Vincent De Paul marketplace on May 24, and that will be a big event. She also said she has contacted the VFW in Meadview about selling tickets for the raffle and expects them to do that for us. The Baptist Church in Dolan Springs will be holding a dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with all proceeds going toward the gurney purchase. Chief Bonnee is working on a pancake breakfast, but that hasn't been scheduled yet.

Director Koeppen wrapped up with her thoughts that, at \$5 per ticket and \$15k needed, raffle tickets alone aren't going to get us the power gurney the community needs so badly. She is looking at approaching local businesses and suppliers and vendors who do quite a bit of business with the Fire District in hopes they will support the effort with donations toward the total cost. 1:21 pm.

**c. Discussion And Possible Action: Clarification on call to the public (Director Emily Giesler)**

Director Geisler said she has some thoughts on smoothing out the call to the public interaction and making sure all the participants (board and public) are clear on the ground rules. Director Koeppen asked her if she would get her thoughts organized and put together a draft proposal for beneficial changes, and Director Geisler agreed to do so. No action taken or decisions made at this time. 1:23 pm

**New Business**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action: Tentative adoption of 2026 budget (Theodora Koeppen)**

Since Chief Bonnee was unable to attend, Director Koeppen asked Mr. Rodriguez to recap where LMRFD is right now in the process. He referred to the budget workshop they held a couple of weeks ago, and the information that was shared about how each item in the proposed budget was analyzed to arrive at the numbers discussed during the workshop. He said nothing has happened since the workshop to change any of the proposed numbers, so he is asking for tentative adoption today.

Director Koeppen expressed the board's appreciation for a well-run workshop and the clarity of the information shared and called for a vote on tentative adoption of the proposed 2026 budget at 1:25 pm.

Director Geisler moved to tentatively accept and approve the proposed budget as it stands, with no changes since the workshop.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

Director Geisler voted AYE

Director Reh-Bower voted AYE

Director Koeppen voted AYE

The new 2026 budget was tentatively approved and will be on next month's agenda for public input and final adoption.



Mr. Rodriguez said he will prepare a version for posting in advance so the public will have a chance to review prior to next month's meeting. 1:26 pm.

**b. Discussion: Fundraising outreach (Chief Bonnee)**

Since Chief Bonnee was unable to attend this meeting, Director Koeppen tabled this item, and it will be addressed at the next regular meeting. 1:26 pm

- 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. 1:27 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.) **06/19/2025 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 at 1:27 pm  
Director Reh-Bower moved to adjourn, and Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All three attending directors voted AYE and the meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Glenn Gardner  
Minutes signed/posted by: Jen Gardner

Date: 05/26/25  
Date: 06/02/25 11:40 am

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