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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 **8/21/2025 at 1:00 p.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

Chairperson Theodora Koeppen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Director Nelson – Present

Director Reh-Bower – Present

Director Geisler – Present via phone

Director Garza – Present via phone

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 led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen first responders and members of the military at 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))*

Discussion: Regarding Water tender sale on public auction site.

Director Koeppen called for a vote to close regular session in order to hold executive session.

Director Nelson moved to close regular session.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and regular session was closed at 1:03pm

Director Koeppen called for a motion to go into executive session at 1:03 pm

Director Reh-Bower moved to open executive session.

Director Nelson seconded the motion

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and executive session was opened at 1:04 pm

Executive session adjourned at 1:31 pm and the meeting moved back into regular session at 1:37 pm.

5) MINUTES

a. 7/17/2025

The agenda showed 6/17/25 minutes, and the date has been corrected to show 7/17/25.

Director Nelson moved to approve the minutes with the one noted correction.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and the corrected minutes were accepted at 1:36 pm

6) CONSENT AGENDA

a. Chief Report: Presented by Fire Chief Bonnee beginning at 1:36

(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.)*

Run Report:

- AMR Transports – 0
- Med Calls – 97
- Dolan Transports – 67
- Fire Calls – 19
- Hwy 93 Calls – 27
- Meadview Calls – 11
- Meadview Transports – 10
- Meadview Coverage Days – 15

Meetings/Conferences/Trainings:

- Run Review on 07/08/25

District Properties:

- No changes

District Vehicles:

- Tender 418 is back in service
- Parts are on order for the Rescue 418 a/c that is being replaced by volunteer Edgar

Projects in the works:

- Our crew has returned from their recent Wildlands assignment; that job has been billed out and was accepted by the state for \$52,238.00
- Total Wildlands billing so far this season is \$103,370.00
- All the paperwork for the new Fire Recovery billing program is set up and rolling; the first two incidents (totaling over \$45,000.00) will be billed through this system as soon as vehicle info from DPS comes in.
- The 50/50 raffle is still ongoing and there will be another fundraiser held at the American Legion in Dolan

Springs on September 20th.

- New paramedic Ken Powers is now on board and in September we will have all three shifts staffed with a full-time paramedic.
- The new dispatch system is working great and helps a lot with the radio dead zones out on Hwy 93.

Chief's report concluded at 1:39 pm

b. Financial Report: Presented by Steven Rodriguez of JVG via phone:

Mr. Rodriguez pointed out that since we are at the start of a new fiscal year.

- Revenue for the month of July is \$89,593 which is under budget by \$9,012.
 - Tax revenue for July is \$27,186 which is over budget by \$3,889.
 - Non-tax revenue for July is \$62,406 which is under budget by \$12,902
- Expenses totaled \$187,847 which is over budget by \$2,052.

The non-tax revenue number results from wildland deployment personnel costs that have not yet been reimbursed. That discrepancy will even out when the deployment costs are reimbursed.

He said our vehicle maintenance numbers are still running higher than projected. He and the chief explained that the new approach where we use EVR for major maintenance and have volunteer Edgar perform regularly scheduled maintenance and minor break/fix issues should help with costs and they are monitoring that closely. He concluded the report and called for questions at 1:45 pm

Director Reh-Bower questioned uniform costs in the report and Chief Bonnee responded that wildland deployment shirts had to be replaced because vinyl on the back of the shirts was literally melting on the crew's backs. She also asked about unexpectedly high numbers on dispatch cost. Mr. Rodriguez and the Chief responded that they weren't notified of the increase in dispatch costs until after the budget was prepared and approved. As a result, this line will show over budget for the rest of the year. She also asked if it would be possible to track and report money gathered through the various currently on-going community fund-raising efforts. Mr. Rodriguez responded that he and the Chief would work out the details and he will include results in his reporting. The subject closed at 1:49 pm.

Director Koeppen called for a vote to approve the consent agenda items as presented and discussed.

Director Reh-Bower moved to accept the consent agenda.

Director Nelson seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried and the consent agenda was accepted at 1:50 pm.

7) REGULAR SESSION

Old Business:

a. Discussion: Annexation update (Glenn Gardner)

Mr. Gardner asked the board to approve two more new annexations for the Meadview area. Annexation resolutions were prepared, and he asked for the required board signatures. We now also have the contact information for roughly 3,400 property owners in the Meadview and Mead City areas and will begin printing mailing labels next week for a mass mailing effort. Envelope stuffing and labeling will come shortly after. Director Reh-Bower said she will rough out the letter encouraging enrollment in the district. All agreed that it will be advantageous if we can get that mailing out prior to the annexation workshop scheduled for next month. Director Koeppen added that Chief Bonnee has been invited to be the main speaker at the Oct 2 MCA Comm meeting and he will be including the subject of annexation in his presentation. Subject closed at 1:51 pm

b. Discussion: Website Update (Emily Geisler)

Director Geisler reported that she is ready to hand over the website as soon as she gets approval to do so. Chief

Bonnee mentioned that all references to “Fire Department” need to be changed to “Fire District”, and other than that one needed change, he feels the new site is many times better than the old one. Director Koeppen expressed the entire group’s gratitude for all the valuable time and talent Director Geisler poured into this project. Subject closed at 1:59 pm.

New Business:

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Water tender sold (Chief Bonnee)

Director Koeppen, speaking for the board, reported that the board has instructed legal counsel to follow the advice he outlined in executive session and to proceed accordingly. Chief Bonnee said Mr. Cornelius will carry out his instructions tomorrow. Subject closed at 2:01 pm.

b. Discussion and Possible Action: Possible Future income Involving Station 42 (Chief Bonnee)

Chief Bonnee reminded the group that the Station 42 building on Pierce Ferry Road is still unused and we have no purpose for it at this time. He has been approached by the owner of a local business who would like to rent the building for his tire shop. Together, they are working out a hybrid arrangement with the renter covering the cost of electrical and other utilities, and LMRFD having access to the shop for Edgar to perform LMRFD vehicle maintenance as needed.

The Chief mentioned that “no parking” signs will be going up at the location and the vehicle owners who have been using the front of the property for a parking lot are becoming a bigger problem, with the building and bay door suffering damage.

During subsequent discussion during which the board expressed general approval of the idea of turning this liability back into an asset, Chief Bonnee mentioned that he believes those folks who have habitually parked there during the day are Grand Canyon employees who ride the commuter bus from Dolan to work. It was decided to look into finding another very specific, designated spot on the property for those drivers to park.

This being an operational matter, the board agreed that they support Chief Bonnee in his decision to move ahead with the deal. Subject closed at 2:07 pm

c. Discussion and Possible Action: Mutual Aid Agreement with GEMS (Chief Bonnee)

Chief Bonnee says that since we can’t run transports into Nevada, we typically have to hand off trauma center patients to Nevada’s Community Ambulance at the Hoover Lodge. The Chief has found out that Guardian Emergency Medical Services has an ambulance 24x7 in Boulder City that can be of immense help to us in this process since Community Ambulance has a rig strictly dedicated to Guardian in Boulder City. In emergency situations with multiple patients urgently needing transport, this agreement will be the force multiplier that enables LMRFD to overcome personnel, equipment and legal limitations to better serve the public and save more lives. Since setting up this beneficial relationship involves signing a Mutual Aid Agreement with an outside entity, approval from the board is needed to proceed.

Director Reh-Bower expressed her support and asked if our attorney has had a look at the proposed agreement yet.

Chief Bonnee responded that the attorney has reviewed the document and agrees it is a standard agreement with no kinks or surprises, but the Chief did have them specify in the agreement that each organization will do their own billing for their part of the work.

Director Koeppen expressed her own support and called for a motion to accept the agreement with GEMS

Director Nelson Moved to accept the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement with GEMS as presented.

Director Garza seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE, the motion carried and the signing of a mutual aid agreement with GEMS was approved at 2:10 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 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).*

Director Koeppen opened the call to the public with a reminder of the Open Meeting restrictions on discussion with the public.

Mr. Jeff Sahsholtz of Kingman spoke again, asking for confirmation that the board is sticking with their final offer concerning his request for a refund on the truck he purchased at auction. The board could only confirm what was stated earlier in the meeting under new business item a. Mr. Sahsholtz indicated that he had listened outside the door during executive session, is aware of what was said. He said there are discrepancies in LMRFD's story and ended his comments.

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.

10) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE & LOCATION. (Subject to change, notice/announcement will be posted via District Website, if any changes occur.) 9/18/2025 at the LMRFD Annex Building (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd. Dolan Springs, AZ 86441.)

Director Koeppen called for a vote to adjourn the meeting.

Director Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All five directors voted AYE and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Glenn Gardner

Date: 8/26/2025

Minutes signed/posted by: Jennifer Gardner

Date: 8/26/2025

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LMRFD annex Building (16154 Pierce Ferry Rd Dolan Springs, AZ)

St. 43 (30250 Stillwater Meadview, AZ)

Meadview Post Office (250 Pueblo Dr. Meadview, AZ 86444)

LMRFD Website (www.lmrfd.org)