



Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District



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NOTICE AND AGENDA 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 7/17/2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at the LMRFD Annex Building (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 Reh-Bower – present

Director Nelson – present via phone

Director Koeppen – present

Director Geisler - 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 assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence at 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

a. 6/17/2025

None of the attending directors had corrections to be pointed out, so Director Reh-Bower moved to accept the June meeting minutes as presented.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All four attending directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and the June 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as written at 1:03 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.)

Chief Bonnee began the presentation of May's activity at 1:03 pm, with highlights as follows:

Run Report:

AMR Transports: **0**

Med calls: **112**

Dolan Transports: **79**

Fire Calls: **29**

Hwy 93 calls: **24**

Meadview calls: **14**

Meadview Transports: **12**

Meadview coverage days: **17**

Meetings/Conferences/Training

Monthly Run Review on 6/10/25

District Properties:

Nothing new to report

District Vehicles:

- T418 is in the shop for overheating issues.
- Application for the side-by-side grant has been submitted.
- C-401 was found to have a broken motor mount. That was repaired and the vehicle is back in service.

Projects in the works:

- We are still waiting for the results for the FEMA grants
- We will be switching to the new dispatch system and training staff on that over the next couple of weeks.
- The new brush truck we received from BLM went out on its first assignment and performed well.
- Wildland season is slow but is picking up and they will be calling for units to go out of state by the end of the month.
- The Chief and the Fire District want to give a special thanks to Charlotte Kiffer, who organized and orchestrated the recent fundraising dinner, and to our friend Al Barbarich for his donation to the district. Our thanks go out to all who purchased dinner tickets and especially to those who provided items for the silent auction and those who bid on auction items. Proceeds from the event totaled just over \$3850, which be applied to the cost of a new power gurney.
- The 50/50 raffle is still ongoing.

The presentation concluded at 1:07 pm.

b. Financial Report: Presented by Steven Rodriguez of JVG

Mr. Steven Rodriguez joined the meeting via phone and began the monthly financials presentation at 1:09 pm.

Key points:

- ❖ Revenue for the month of June is \$122,295, which is under budget by \$83,350.
 - Tax Revenue for June is \$36,091 which is under budget by \$6,330.
 - Non-Tax Revenue for June is \$86,204 which is under budget by \$77,020.
 - Ambulance Revenue is over budget \$12,273.
- ❖ Expenses for June totaled \$148,417 which is over budget by \$1,527.
 - Buildings & Land is over budget \$18,153, due to higher than anticipated building maintenance.
 - Vehicle Maintenance is over budget \$17,567, due to higher than anticipated fire equipment expense.
- ❖ YTD Total Revenue is \$1,778,483 which is \$37,319 over budget.
- ❖ YTD Expense is \$1,872,645 which is \$214,909 over budget.

A period of discussion ensued primarily concerned with how rising costs and timing of incoming revenue affect the budget projections versus actual outcome and how maintenance costs are hurting the annual budget overall. Chief Bonnee pointed out the extremely high vehicle maintenance costs the district has faced over the last couple of years. He has taken steps to reduce the cost of non-specialty scheduled vehicle maintenance by using qualified local mechanics and is looking for other ways to reduce cost where we can without negative impact. This is an ongoing issue and discussion will continue as possible solutions come to the fore.

With no further questions on the table, the financial report concluded at 1:36 pm.

Director Koeppen called for a motion to accept the consent agenda consisting of the chief's report and the June financial report.

Director Reh-Bower moved to accept the consent agenda including both reports as presented.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All four attending directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and the consent agenda was approved at 1:37 pm.

7) REGULAR SESSION**Old Business****a. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Recovery Billing update (Chief Bonnee)**

With the subject brought forward from last month, Director Koeppen mentioned that her primary concern with the possible agreement is the risk of liability if the billing company and the customer get into a dispute over charges, and whether that could result in litigation against LMRFD.

Chief Bonnee explained that it's covered in the agreement and the program is still working well for other small districts. Charges are based on "reasonable and customary" billing across the nation.

After some discussion, it was determined that a one-year trial would be best for the district and Director Koeppen called for a vote on the matter.

Director Nelson moved to approve one year of engagement with Fire Recovery on a trial basis, to be reviewed and possibly renewed if the revenue flow justifies continuation.

Director Reh-Bower seconded the motion.

All four attending directors voted AYE, the motion carried and a one-year trial engagement with Fire Recovery was approved at 1:52 pm.

b. Discussion and Possible Action: Update on LMRFD Website (Emily Giesler)

Director Geisler reported that the website is ready to go live as soon as she gets feedback from the reviewers. Once again, Director Koeppen thanked the website committee for the tremendous amount of work they have put into the project so far. 1:54 pm.

c. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Questions (Director Nelson)

Director Nelson stated that her remaining questions from the last meeting have all been answered to her satisfaction, and this agenda item can be closed out. 1:55 pm.

New Business

a. Discussion: Tender 418 repair (Chief Bonnee)

Chief Bonnee referred back to the chief's report and the note that T418 is back in the shop for repairs due to overheating. This is a very expensive replacement of a cracked engine block and is going to cost in excess of \$30,000, which needs board approval. He and the battalion chief are searching the market trying to find a serviceable and affordable tender for backup because when T418 is down, the operation is significantly impacted.

Director Koeppen called for a vote to approve the T418 engine block replacement.

Director Reh-Bower moved to approve the repair.

Director Nelson moved to approve \$33,000 for the repair because estimates can't be 100% accurate.

Director Reh-Bower amended her motion to include up to \$33,000 for the T418 repair.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All four attending directors voted AYE, and the repair cost was approved at 2:01 pm.

b. Action: Annexation requests (Glenn Gardner)

Mr. Gardner brought in seven new annexation request packets with annexation resolutions prepared for final board signatures and reported that he is currently putting together the paperwork for another nine requests. 2:06 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).*

Mr. Jeff Sahsholtz of Kingman spoke again, saying he has not seen a response to his request for a refund on the truck he bought at auction from the district. Director Koeppen said he should have received a letter by now and apologized for the delay. She said she would get with our legal counsel and speed things up. She promised to follow up to ensure the matter is resolved quickly. 2:05 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.) 8/21/2025 at 1:00pm at the **Meadview Civic Association (247 Meadview Blvd. Meadview, Az 86444)**

Director Reh-Bower moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 pm.

Director Geisler seconded the motion.

All four directors voted AYE, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Glenn Gardner

Minutes signed/posted by: Jen Gardner

Date: 7/22/2025

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