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Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell.**

2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated.**

3. Roll Call: **Susan Sewell, Philip Cushman (Phone), Pam Wolfe-Brady, Travis Freedman and TC Collier. Staff Present: W. Aaron and M.Freedman. Legal Counsel: W.Whittington**

4. Consent Agenda:

   A. Discussion/ Possible Action re: Approval of Financials and Treasurer's Reports for the month of June 2026.
   B. Discussion/ Possible Action re: Approval of minutes for the meeting on 6-25-2026. **P.Wolfe-Brady made a motion to approve the consent agenda. T.Freedman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. Old Business: Discussion/ Possible Action

   1. Fire Chief's Report: **Discussion Only**

6. **Call to the Public:** Those wishing to address the Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public due to restrictions under Open Meeting Law. However, individual Board Members may respond to criticism directed toward them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. **None**

7. **Discussion / Possible Action**: Approve final deferred compensation contribution payment for former McMullen Valley Fire District employees for FY 2025–2026. **P. Wolfe-Brady made a motion to approve payment of 50% of the budgeted deferred compensation contribution directly to eligible former McMullen Valley Fire District employees for the period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, during which the employees worked under McMullen Valley Fire District. Employees who remained employed by the newly formed district in a part-time**

status will receive 100% of their individually calculated payment. TC Collier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for the following items. **P.Cushman made a motion to go into executive session. TC Collier seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive session began at 6:20 pm. The Board received an admonition from legal counsel regarding the confidentiality requirements applicable to executive-session discussions. The District's legal counsel was present for the executive session.**

   A. **Legal Advice:** Discussion and consultation with the District's attorney for legal advice regarding finalizing merger documents and completing required processes with county and state departments for recognition of the District as a single taxing district, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). **Executive session ended at 6:40 pm. No actions were taken in executive session.**

9. **Discussion/ Possible Action:** Approve and authorize necessary documents, filings, and administrative actions to complete the District merger process and obtain recognition by County and State Departments as a Single Taxing District. **T.C. Collier made a motion to approve the agenda item as presented and to authorize Acting Chief Aaron and/or the District's legal counsel to communicate with the appropriate county and state entities and take the necessary administrative actions to complete the merger process and obtain recognition of the District as a single taxing district. T.Freedman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

10. Adjourn Meeting. **Chairperson S.Sewell adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.**

The next scheduled board meeting is July 25th, 2026, at 10:00.

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Susan Sewell, Chairperson	Philip Cushman, Clerk