

# MOAPA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2023

Location: MVFD Headquarters

Board Members	Joseph Davis (Chairman), Gene Houston (Vice Chairman), Chance Munford, Adam Smith, Judy Metz, Josh Jensen, Anthony Rivera.
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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Joe Davis call's meeting to order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Conformance with the Open Meeting Law
- D. Roll Call/Introduction
  - 1) Board Members:
    - a) Joe Davis, Chairman
    - b) Gene Houston, Vice-Chairman (Absent)
    - c) Judy Metz, Board Member (Absent)
    - d) Adam Smith, Board Member (Absent)
    - e) Chance Munford, Board Member
    - f) Josh Jensen, Board Member
    - g) Anthony Rivera, Board Member
  - 2) Additional Representatives/Guests:
    - a) MVFD Chief Stephen Neel
    - b) MVFD Executive Assistant Samantha Empey
- E. Discussion & Possible Action: Adoption of the agenda as posted.  
Joe Davis motions to adopt, Chance Munford seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. (none)

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- A. Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of December 2022 minutes:  
Chance Munford motions to approve minutes from December 5, 2022 meeting. Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed.  
Motion was passed.

### IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. *Discussion & Possible Action: None*

### V. FINANCES

- A. *Discussion & Review:* Discussion of FY23 budget.
  - Chief Neel begins discussion with the Tax Revenue. With last year being a record year since establishment in 1965, this year has increased \$14,000 compared to the same time last year.
  - Projected to bring in \$1,000,000 in C-Tax

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- Budget shows about \$800,000 year to date, which includes wildland deployments.
- Employee benefits include \$212,000 in stipends paid to volunteers in the last year with \$125,000 of that being paid to employees for wildland deployments.
- Checking account balance has increased to nearly \$7,000,000.
- Wildland deployment revenue has covered all operations cost year to date.
- Transport fee revenue shows about \$74,000 with expectations of \$100,000 by fiscal year end.
- Medicaid has granted a special approval waiver to back date transports that date past three months.
- Capital outlay has all been paid.
- Received new Polaris Ranger.
- Purchased a new Water Tender.
- Purchased Thermal Imagers.

### VI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

#### A. (NONE)

### VII. REPORTS

#### A. Chief Stephen Neel

- Attended a conference in Denver, Colorado and met with Mercy Air CEO to discuss issues regarding transport destinations and pushback about bringing air ambulance to Clark County Fair and Rodeo. Was able to resolve this issue and came to an agreement to bring services to the fair.
- Attended three day task force and strike team leader training with Station 74 Captain Allen Haskell.
- Obtained Moapa Valley Band of Paiutes tribal contract for emergency services from Moapa Valley Fire District.
- Graduated eight new Advanced EMTs. There are now more Advanced EMTs than there are Basic EMTs.
- Received new Polaris Ranger.
- A SAFER Grant for recruitment and retention was awarded, which pays for the Executive Assistant position, Stipends, Turnouts, and anything regarding advertising for new volunteers.
- Submitted FEMA AFG Grant that got denied. Feedback stated other departments' radios were older. Instead,

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reached out to the Clark County Fire Department to submit a regional grant to include Moapa Valley Fire District and the ten fire stations with CCFD. Waiting to hear back on that grant.

- Applied for another rural retention grant. Still waiting for results.
- Applied for a SAFER hiring grant for a full time Assistant Chief position.
- Applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which is for lower income communities. If granted, this will pay for a remount on the reserve rescue, an auto load gurney for Station 73, a new monitor, and a stair chair for each rescue.
- Hired new grant writer at \$40 an hour.
- Applied for a micro grant for an auto load gurney.
- Completed Southern Nevada Health District recertifications.
- Samantha Empey is doing very well as the Executive Assistant. Accomplishes all tasks timely and effectively. Works well with Chief Neel. Sam has also taken over Grant Administrator. When Chief Neel takes leave of absences, Sam is able to handle all administrative functions and Assistant Chiefs can handle all operational functions.

### B. Moapa Station 72 Assistant Chief Adam Smith (Absent)

- (none)

### C. Logandale Station 73 Anthony Rivera

- The new Fire Explorer Program is going well.
- Brookes Good Deeds has offered to donate \$5,000 toward the Fire Explorer program, as well as \$1,000 in food for Moapa Valley Heroes night fundraiser on April 24th.
- Station 73 has three new volunteers working through their task book.

### D. Overton Station 74 Assistant Chief Chance Munford

- Helped to facilitate a CMC Rescue rope training class which certified an additional ten volunteers.
- All calls have been covered effectively and have stayed fully staffed on the rescue.

### E. Board Member Report and General Comments:

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- (NONE)

## *VIII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING*

- A. Next meeting is set for:

**Monday June 5, 2023 @6:00 p.m. MVFD Headquarters.  
3570 Lyman St, Logandale, NV 89021.**

## *IX. ADJOURNMENT*

- A. Chance Munford motions to adjourn, Joe Davis seconds; all in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.