

MOAPA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2026

Location: MVFD Headquarters

Board Members	Judy Metz (Chairman), Josh Jensen (Vice Chairman), Joe Davis, Gene Houston, Chris Stolworthy.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Judy Metz calls the meeting to order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Conformance with the Open Meeting Law
- D. Roll Call/Introduction
 - 1) Board Members:
 - a) Judy Metz, Chairman
 - b) Josh Jensen, Vice-Chairman
 - c) Gene Houston, Board Member
 - 2) Additional Representatives
 - a) MVFD Chief Stephen Neel
 - b) MVFD Administrative Secretary Samantha Empey
- E. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Adoption of the agenda as posted.***

Josh Jensen motions to adopt the agenda as posted. Gene Houston 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 2025 minutes***

Judy Metz motions to approve the minutes from December 2025. Gene Houston seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion: ***Chain of Command & Purpose of the Moapa Valley Fire District Advisory Board***

Chair Metz explained this item was added to address questions raised during public comment, noting that topics needing further discussion may be placed on future agendas.

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She clarified that operational concerns should follow the chain of command: **Station Captain** → **District Chief** → **Advisory Board** → **CCFD Fire Chief Samuels**. The Board does not make operational decisions but provides oversight.

Regarding the wildland program and similar projects, the Board may approve or table items, which can return to future agendas until a final decision is made. Once approved, updates are typically provided in the Fire Chief's reports rather than as recurring agenda items, unless issues arise.

Chair Metz reiterated that, per the bylaws, the Board oversees the Fire District and relies on the Fire Chief for updates. Reporting processes may change with the upcoming retirement of the Fire Chief.

She concluded by stating that the Board does not exercise operational control but serves as a liaison between the community and the County regarding fire service performance and development.

V. FINANCES

A. Discussion: ***Review of FY26 Budget & Update on budget column discrepancies***

Chief Neel led a review of the FY26 budget, including discussion of total amounts and clarification of column discrepancies. He noted that there have been no major capital purchases during the current fiscal year.

Chief Neel and the Board discussed the potential purchase of a new squad vehicle and the anticipated timeline.

It was also noted that **C-Tax revenues are performing better** compared to the previous fiscal year, when the District did not receive its full allocation.

VI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

(none)

VII. REPORTS

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A. MVFD Chief Stephen Neel:

Chief Neel reported that the wildland program has been approved by County senior leadership to move forward. He noted there are still considerations regarding how to compensate members participating in wildland assignments while remaining compliant with FLSA and maintaining volunteer status.

He provided an update on the garage project, stating the walkthrough has been completed and is progressing through the County process, with soils testing pending for pad certification.

Regarding upcoming events, Chief Neel expressed concern about limited staffing due to his departure and multiple personnel on leave. He stated the District does not have sufficient staffing to provide EMS coverage for the fair. However, EMS coverage will be provided for the rodeo and slack in coordination with Mercy Air.

Chief Neel also reviewed open vehicle maintenance tickets with the Board and noted ongoing discussions with Chief Samuels to coordinate repairs through County Automotive.

B. CCFD Chief Billy Samuels

Chief Samuels reported that, with Chief Neel's upcoming departure, he and Chief Lunkwitz have been working together to ensure a smooth transition. He stated he will continue to work with the Board and provide updates on what the process will look like moving forward.

C. Board Member Report and General Comments:

(None)

VIII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting is set for:

**Monday, June 1, 2026 @6:00 p.m. MVFD Headquarters.
3570 Lyman St, Logandale, NV 89021.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Judy Metz motions to adjourn. Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.