

# MOAPA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 2, 2024      Location: MVFD Headquarters

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

- A. Joe Davis call's the 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
    - c) Judy Metz, Board Member
    - d) Josh Jensen, Board Member
    - e) Chris Stolworthy, Board Member
  - 2) Additional Representatives/Guests:
    - a) MVFD Chief Stephen Neel (Absent)
    - b) MVFD Assistant Chief Brian Young
    - c) MVFD Executive Assistant Samantha Empey

## E. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Adoption of the agenda as posted.***

Judy Metz motions to adopt the agenda as posted, Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

## III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

### A. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Approval of June 2024 & September 2024 minutes***

- Judy motions to approve the June and September minutes with the changes added into the June minutes to reflect a three bay garage and not eight bay. Josh Jensen seconds the motions. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.

## IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

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A. Discussion & Possible Action: ***MVFD Paid Personnel Deploying on Wildland Fires.***

- This item was again tabled in hopes of being able to schedule a wildland training and information class for the board members so they may make an informed decision.

B. Discussion and Possible Action: ***Implementation of new Ambulance Staffing Model***

- This item has been tabled. More information is needed and will be discussed at a later meeting.

C. Discussion and Possible Action: ***Transition of the current Executive Assistant from part time to full time and change title to Administrative Manager.***

- This item has been tabled. More information is needed and will be discussed at a later meeting.

D. Discussion and Possible Action: ***Reinstating Adam Smith as Assistant Chief of Fire Operations/Training, and increasing monthly stipend pay.***

- Judy Motions to approve changes to the bylaws as necessary at the discretion of the Attorney General to reflect this appointment. Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.

E. Discussion: ***Review of the 90 day trial hourly stipend program to encourage volunteer participation***

- Chief Young informs the board that this program initially showed an increase that quickly dissipated each month. His recommendation was to discontinue the program. The board members agreed.

## V. FINANCES

A. Discussion & Review: ***FY25 Budget***

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- Discussed revenue, capital outlay, C-Tax, bank account balances, wildland revenue, grant funding numbers, current purchase orders, and fiscal year 2025 budget plans.

### B. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Approval of FY26 Budget***

- This item has been tabled as recommended by the board to have a little extra time to finalize numbers. A meeting will need to be set for January.

## VI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Rene Eastin (Station 73) had concerns regarding the new ambulance staffing model and other operational changes.
- Dylan House (Station 74) Voiced his support for the new ambulance staffing model and shared his opinion on how it can benefit the community.
- Lindsay Dalley (Community member) Shared his role in community preparedness in Moapa Valley. He wanted to come to the meeting today to more familiarize himself with the Fire District and is impressed with how the meeting and conversation has gone today. He expressed his desire to help the community get more involved in preparedness and be more user friendly to the fire district.

## VII. REPORTS

### A. Assistant Chief Brian Young

- The Fill the Firetruck, Cram the Cruiser campaign is off to an excellent start. Partnered with Tribal Police, it is looking like the Fire District will be able to help provide some relief to eighteen families for the holiday season. Half of those families are on the Indian Reservation.
- Two rescues will need to be replaced within the next three years. Looking at different options for doing that.

### B. Moapa Station 72 Battalion Chief Adam Smith

- Chief Smith stated that with the elevation of his role to Chief of operations, he recommended only one report for all three stations.

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- Moving forward with training. Especially Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2.
- Reserves are going to be assigned to a station which will make training and tracking much easier.
- In the process of an Officer Development program. More information on that will be shared at a later date.
- Will be redoing some of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to be more specific to Moapa Valley Fire District.
- Phase two of Engineering training is in the works.

## C. Logandale Station 73 Anna Livingston

- Anthony Rivera has stepped down as Captain of Station 73.
- Have a handful of new members coming on.
- With Squad 73 out of service, Tender 73 is running in its place.
- Beginning Paramedic school in 2025.

## D. Overton Station 74 Battalion Chief Dylan House

- No new members coming onto Station 74.
- Working with Captain Arager to mitigate shortcomings in training with members.
- Identified some safety issues and added solutions into the budget.

## E. Board Member Report and General Comments:

- Chair Davis expressed his concern for implementing new programs that may prevent current volunteers from running calls and his reasoning for asking hard questions. He is happy to see members of the district and community members at the meetings also expressing their concerns.

## VIII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING

### A. Next meeting is set for:

**Friday, January 17, 2025 @6:00 p.m. MVFD  
Headquarters. 3570 Lyman St, Logandale, NV 89021.**

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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