

Mormon Lake Fire District Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order by Chairperson Lewis at 100**
2. **Roll Call** –*Chairperson Lewis, Clerk Verdino, Member Haupricht, Member Nahass, and Member Morgenthal All Present; Chief Western, Lindsey Sprigg via Zoom, Jan Saquella, Chelsea Evinger, Tarinda Craglow via zoom, Brandy Girvin, Michelle Servant, Steve Linck, Kim Brossman, and Caroline Campbell also present*
3. **Call to the Public** - *Community member Tarinda Craglow asked about meeting minutes on the website, apparently the links have not been working correctly. Chief Western explained that after each meeting minutes are approved, they are uploaded within 48 hours and Tarinda stated she would follow up and let him know if the link is not working correctly.*
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. August 09, 2022 Meeting Minutes- *J. Haupricht made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, P. Nahass seconded; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
5. **Finance**
 - A. Financial Report- *Chief Western provided the report; J. Haupricht asked about the check for the command vehicle, the \$25,000 has not been deposited, and the \$28,000 check was credited to the wrong account. Receipts were in a separate email late last night. Waste Management seems to have increased the monthly amount to \$160.00 from \$28.00; Chief Western will follow up on. J. Haupricht made a motion to accept financial report; Seconded by M. Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
6. **Reports & Correspondence**
 - A. Department Report and Correspondence- *Chief Western provided Department Report, Highlighting the HOA meeting in Stoneman Lake Subdivision. Firefighter appreciation dinner is this Saturday. Firefighters Ball Charity Event was canceled for this year; P. Nahass made a motion to accept the Reports, Seconded by J. Haupricht. All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
7. **Topics of Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Coconino County Board of Supervisors – *No one in attendance; Did hold a meeting with the County for a few things; Chief Western asked about the redistricting; basically it will take place after the next Board of Supervisor election.*
 - B. Craft Faire Donation- *Linda Jackson was unable to attend, will present at next meeting.*
 - C. County Attorney Resolution- *Chief Western presented the information and a Resolution; Jeff Haupricht asked if anything was different from last year; Chief Western stated that it is basically the exact same contract; D. Lewis made a resolution to utilize the County Attorney Office; Seconded by J. Haupricht; All members present voted AYE; Resolution passed.*
 - D. Retired Mormon Lake Personnel- *Chief Western presented information on providing retiree status to past members; it was decided that members who served the department for 20 or more years would be considered to be retired members; Mormon Lake Lodge GM stated they would honor those individuals and current Board Members with the benefits that are afforded active personnel at the lodge. D. Lewis made a motion to issue ID Cards to Retired members with 20 or more years on the department; Seconded by R. Verdino; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
 - E. Chelsea Evinger Letter- *Chief Western presented the letter that was sent by Chelsea Evinger to the Mormon Lake Fire District Board. Chelsea addressed the board regarding her donations to the charity, and admitted to her making a mistake. She would like to donate directly to the department and not through the charity. J. Haupricht addressed the board, stating the banner has been up with advertising language of donations to the department. The charities are separate from the department and*

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therefore not all the money would go to the department. He further discussed ethical concerns with regard to the board, and he believes that fraud was committed, under law. He does not believe it is ethical to accept the money at this time. He is concerned about the reputation of the department and that it is the boards job to not discredit the department. He will vote against accepting any funds from Chelsea. Tarinda asked to address the board, Chairperson Lewis allowed her comments. Tarinda stated that the ARS was geared toward public servants. R. Verdino asked about donations, Chief Western explained that she has donated raffle money and fees for the use of the fire station during. M Morgenthal asked about the current donation, Chelsea addressed the board and has a check to donate to the fire district, directly. D. Lewis requested the sign be removed from our fence. R. Verdino made a motion to accept the check. Ralph wants to see as much money coming into the department, to get full time personnel, as over the weekend we had multiple calls requiring EMS, and the ambulance is 30-45 minutes about. J. Haupricht states we can not accept shady money. R. Verdino discussed the issue with Chelsea, and believes she should be able to donate money after each sale. D. Lewis states that she believes Chelsea is trying to right the wrong and she feels we should accept the check and that shows we are accepting her apology and work to repair the relationship. D. Lewis seconded the motion. All members except J Haupricht voted AYE, J. Haupricht voted NAY; Motion Passed 4-1;

F. Prop 310- Signs are displayed for 310. Election is November 08.

G. Stoneman Lake Annex- Lindsay Spriggs discussed with 5 of 8 residents in her community that would like to join our department; The District Impact Statement was presented; Chief Western explained that the County contacted us for fire coverage for CAMP YAVACHAI to approve a permit. The taxes received would add approximately \$3000 to our annual budget. They understand that they are not getting a fire truck in the community, just coverage from our district. This would be the first step in the process. Chief Western explained the process and that they may not get everything needed to become. Chief Western stated that our department would respond, when there is no one else responding. We respond there anyway and this would allow us to collect the taxes. The area between our current district and the properties in question is National Forest and therefore would not create an island. M. Morgenthal states we do not have manpower to barely cover our area. J. Haupricht stated he called the station the other day and there was only one person here, and that individual was not an EMT or a Paramedic. further stating they were the only one in district. Stating we can not provide the service level of EMS. He states that since we are still going to respond, we should not add the area. He further stated that we are getting paid on those responses, which Chief Western explained is incorrect, we do not get paid on private property responses. J. Haupricht stated again, his point is that if a call comes in and we have one person, and they are not medical, we can not respond. Chief Western explained the day is referring to there were two people in district, one of which is a Certified EMT. J. Haupricht stated that he was told otherwise. We have a possibility that we may not be able to respond, Chief Western stated that we run that risk anytime, but that it has not happened in almost 5 years that he has been here. Lindsay stated that per Chief Western stated they are going to respond and therefore the department should reap the benefits. She also addressed a concern regarding the road conditions in the Winter, by stating that the residents are not in the area during the winter. J. Haupricht made a motion to not proceed further with annexation of the area, until we get our personnel and the building staffed. M. Morgenthal seconded the motion; All members present voted AYE; Except R. Verdino who voted NAY; Motion Passed 4-1; Chief Western requested clarification that if the county were to require coverage for the CAMP, that we would not provide it. The board stated that you will respond, just as you have.

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- H. Department Calendar/ Board Calendar and Task Calendar- Chief Western presented and highlighted the calendar; Due to Chief Western Training, the board meeting has been moved to October 18th at 1000 J. Haupricht. made a motion to accept calendar; Seconded by M. Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed. NEXT MEETING:*
- 8. Fire Board Comments** – *P. Nahass suggested we look to moving the board meeting date from the 2nd Tuesday, until the 3rd Tuesday, This will be addressed in the future.*
- 9. Adjournment** *Motion to Adjourn made by J. Haupricht; Seconded by M. Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed; Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 am.*