

Montezuma Rimrock Fire District



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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA-RIMROCK FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING HELD March 16, 2017

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Montezuma Rimrock Fire District was called to order at 9:45 am on Thursday March 16, 2017.

Present: Carol Keeton - Chairperson; Jane Harrington – Board Member; Jerry Taylor – Board Member; Keith Arment – Board Member; Robert Satran – Clerk

Staff: Terry Keller – Fire Chief; Robyn Cook – Administrative Manager; Kerrie Tarver – Administrative Support Specialist; Eric Strauss – Battalion Chief

Salute to the flag of the United States of America and Moment of Silence to Honor all American Men and Women in service to our Country, Firefighters, and Police Officers led by Carol Keeton.

Call to the Public: None.

5) Approval of Minutes.

a. Regular Meeting on February 16, 2017

Board Member Harrington requested a correction to the motion to adjourn as Board Member Taylor was not present at the meeting.

Board Member Satran made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2017 with the corrections. Board Member Harrington seconded. Board Members Taylor and Arment abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

6)A Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Keller presented the board with the Chief's report:

- **Call Volume** – heavy rains led to significant runoff and localized flooding. There was a fatality in Rimrock due to vehicle crossing high water.
- **Waterline** – Received three bids and waiting on one more.
- **Yavapai Apache Nation** - No additional information received. Requirements for funding under prop 202 have been determined and a letter will be submitted for a funding request.
- **CON** – No additional information at this time.
- **Cork Screw Hill Possible Public/Private Partnership** - Exploring a deal with IT vendor for the radio site.
- **Fossil Creek** – Met with forecast service representatives, options are going to be considered to accommodate public safety/emergency response.
- **Fire Flow** – SB 1329 has put back into place the requirements for fire flow per the code but modified to allow applicant to request a waiver via appeals process. In the process of forming an appeals board.

- **Gila River Indian Community Grant (Prop. 202 Grant)** – a grant has been submitted for a new water tender. Should hear by July if there will be an award granted.
- **2015 AFG Grant Award** – FEMA Approved grant amendment for SCBA mask/regulator parts and two additional sets of turnouts.
- **Rosenbauer Fire Engine Suspension:** Parts have been ordered.
- **Shared Training Opportunities** – acquired a structure for live burn training will invite other agencies to participate. Multi-Agency wildfire drill is planned as well.
CCFMA Strategic Plan – Draft plan was disseminated to all members of the organization. Gathering feedback/input and a final will be drafted for adoption.

6B) Administrative/Financial Report:

Ambulance revenue is down although overall calls increased, this may be due to lack of EMS calls.

- a. Discussion and ratification on transfer of funds from MRFD EMS account to CCFMA general fund on February 6, 2016 in the amount of \$19,559.95.
- b. Discussion and ratification on transfer of funds from MRFD general fund account to CCFMA general fund on February 14, 2016 in the amount of \$63,000.

7) Discussion, possible action or staff direction on approving the February 2017 Financial Reports.:

Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the ratification a & b on the transfer of funds from MRFD to CCFMA and the financial reports. Board Member Arment seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Discussion, possible action or staff direction on Senate Bill 1329 Fire Flow Requirements; Rural Applicability: Chief Keller informed the board on the status of Senate Bill 1329

9) Discussion, possible action or staff direction on IFC 2012 Section 108 Board of Appeals. A board of Appeals consisting of five people meeting requirements addressed in the appendix of the fire code shall be formed. Due to difficulty finding people meeting the requirements in both communities of Camp Verde and Montezuma-Rimrock one board will be formed to serve both communities.

10) Preliminary Budget Presentation and Discussion. Chief Keller made a recommendation to increase the override to the full rate of \$5.05. The amount of the increase would be about \$60,000 spread out over all the residences. The rate would then fall back to \$3.25 in 2019. The board gave staff direction to implement the full override of \$5.05 per \$100 of assessed value.

11) Future Agenda Items: Minutes to be ratified

10) Adjournment: Board Member Taylor made a motion to adjourn the regular Meeting at 10:52 am. Board Member Arment seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Satran - Clerk