



Montezuma Rimrock Fire District

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONTEZUMA-RIMROCK FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING HELD
August 16, 2018**

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Montezuma Rimrock Fire District was called to order at 9:32 am on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

Present: Carol Keeton – Chairperson; Robert Satran – Clerk; Keith Arment – Board Member; Barbara Dunlap – Board Member; Brandi Bateman – Board Member

Staff: Terry Keller – Fire Chief; Robyn Cook – Administrative Manager; Misty Weatherford – Payroll Benefits Specialist; Dale Duns – 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

4) Call to the Public: none

5) Approval of Minutes:

- A. Regular Meeting on June 21, 2018:** Board Member Dunlap made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 21, 2018. Chairperson Keeton seconded. Motion passed with Chairperson Keeton, Board Member Dunlap and Clerk Satran in favor and Board Member Bateman and Board Member Arment abstained.
- B. Regular Meeting on July 19, 2018:** Clerk Satran made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 19, 2018 with the stated changes. Board Member Dunlap seconded. Motion passed with Clerk Satran, Board Member Dunlap and Board Member Bateman in favor and Chairperson Keeton abstained.

6) Reports:

- A. Administrative/Financial Report:** Ms. Cook presented the Financial Report to the Board.

7) Discussion and ratification on transfer of funds from MRFD General Fund to CCFMA General Fund on July 10, 2018 in the amount of \$33,468 and approval of the July 2018 Monthly Financial Reports:

Clerk Satran made a motion to ratify the transfer on July 10, 2018 in the amount of \$33,468 and to approve the July 2018 financial reports. Board Member Dunlap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Discussion, possible action or staff direction on merging with Camp Verde Fire District: Chief Keller stated that merging would relieve burden off of admin with having to prepare for 3 board meetings and audits. It would also be a savings as well.

Chief Keller explained the process of the merge to the board and the first step is to schedule a public hearing and to send out letters notifying all of the tax payers in each district of the hearing.

Clerk Satran is concerned that the community will feel like they are losing their identity and stated that the community was opposed to the JPA in the beginning.

Board Member Bateman stated that the letter is well written and should answer any questions that the community would possibly have.

Chairperson Keeton stated that we can make people understand the advantages of merging.

Ms. Cook asked the board when they wanted to schedule the public hearing in Rimrock.

The Board gave direction to schedule the public hearing for October 17th at 6:30 pm. The location will be determined and everyone will be notified.

9) Discussion and possible action on approving the waiver of conflict of interest and joint representation for William Whittington to represent all parties in the merger process of Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock Fire Districts: Chief Keller informed the Board that approving the waiver of conflict of interest for William Whittington is just a formality to represent all agencies with the merge.

Board Member Bateman made a motion to approve the waiver of conflict of interest and joint representation for William Whittington to represent all parties in the merger process of Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock Fire Districts. Clerk Satran seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

10) Discussion, possible action or staff direction on adopting Resolution 2018 – 002 to declare that a merger between Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock Fire Districts be considered and that a public hearing be held to determine if a merger would be in the best interests of the district and would promote public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or welfare: Board Member Bateman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-002 to declare that a merger between Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock Fire Districts be considered and that a public hearing be held to determine if a merger would be in the best interests of the district and would promote public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or welfare. Board Member Arment seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11) Future Agenda Items: Merging, list of accomplishments for merge

12) Adjournment: Chairperson Keeton motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:12 am.

Clerk

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