



## McMullen Valley Fire District

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### Governing Board Meeting/Budget Hearing Minutes June 19, 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:00pm by Teena Conrad.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated.**
3. Roll Call: **Board- Teena Conrad, Susan Sewell, Jennifer Walton and Sam Rees were present, Kenneth Montijo was absent. Staff: Kevin Hess and Guillermo Palma, present.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action re: possible approval of Minutes from the 05/22/2025 and 6/11/2025 meeting, as well as the May 2025 Treasurer's Report. **Susan Sewell made a motion to approve the minutes mentioned above, Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Jennifer Walton made a motion to approve the La Paz Co. Treasurer's Report, Susan Sewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously by the quorum present.**
5. Discussion/Possible Action: accept the resignation of Kenneth Montijo. **Tabled**
6. Discussion Possible action: possible appoint of Pam Wolfe to fulfill the term of Kenneth Montijo. **Tabled**
7. Discussion/Possible Action: Re: consideration and possible action re: Board Officer appointments. **Susan Sewell and Teena Conrad had a brief discussion in public meeting and decided that they were going to change positions, Teena Conrad would assume the role of Clerk and Susan Sewell would take over as Chairperson. Susan Sewell made a motion in reference to the above discussion, and Jennifer Walton seconded. The motion carried unanimously by the quorum present.**
8. Call to the Public: **Crystal Dihel asked the board to check into her husband Gary's pension from when he was on the fire department. John Lehman expressed his discontent with the board's plan to appoint Pam Wolfe.**
9. Reports.

- Assistant Chief's Report : **Discussion only.**

10. Public Hearing on proposed 2025/2026 Budget. The Hearing opened at 6:12 pm and there was **no Discussion.**
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Possible approval of FY 2025-2026 Budget. Possible adoption of Resolution #2025 -6-19-1. **Susan Sewell made a motion to approve the FY 26 Budget. Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by the quorum present.**
12. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) re: Joint Powers effort and alternatives; and for personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) re: Fire Chief evaluation. **Teena Conrad made a motion to adjourn to Executive session at 6:15pm, Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion carried unanimously among the quorum present. The Board reconvened at 6:35pm.**
13. Discussion and Possible Action re: Fire Chief Evaluation. **Susan Sewell discussed that the Chief had passed the evaluation process and that he would be retained. No further discussion.**
14. Discussion and Possible Action re: additional consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement with Quartzsite Fire District. **Teena Conrad made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid with Quartzsite Fire District. Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion was passed unanimously by the quorum present.**
15. Discussion and Possible Action re: additional consideration of IGA for Fire Chief Services with Quartzsite Fire District. **Teena Conrad made a motion to approve the IGA for Fire Chief Services, effective 7-1-2025. Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion was passed unanimously by the quorum present.**
16. Discussion/Possible Action: internet access at the station in Wenden: **Teena Conrad made a motion to approve the bid for internet from TDS Telecom for \$72.93 for the Wenden Fire Station. Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion passed unanimously by the quorum present.**
17. Adjourn Meeting. **Teena Conrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, Jennifer Walton seconded and the motion passed unanimously by the quorum present.**

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Teena Conrad, Board Chairman

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Susan Sewell, Board Clerk