



McMullen Valley Fire District

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MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:pm by Chairperson Teena Conrad.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated.**
3. Roll Call: Board Members present: **Teena Conrad, Susan Sewell, Sam Rees and Jennifer Walton. Kenneth Montijo was absent. Staff: Kevin Hess, Guillermo Palma. Attorney Bill Whittington was also present.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action re: possible approval of Minutes from the 03/05/2025 joint special meeting, as well as Treasurer's Report. **Jennifer Walton made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-5-25 and Sam Rees seconded. Susan Sewell made a motion to pass the Treasurer's report of the same date and Sam Rees seconded. Both motions passed unanimously by the quorum present.**
5. Call to the Public: **Patti Rinehart: Does the executive session need to be held during the meeting, or can it be held after the meeting? Whittington: Yes it has to be held during the meeting. Will Aaron: I am a tax payer here and I coach basketball at the high school. I've been in the fire service for 14 years. The Quartzsite Fire District is 1,000 square miles, but our district is only six miles away from MVFD. We also have an ambulance in Brenda, so we are able to expedite many of the transports from Salome. In the fire service, you have to be progressive and grow. There is a difference between taking over a district and making it better. Our goal is to make the fire service better. Lane Collier: I am a Paramedic/Captain for the MVFD and QFD. The people who work here come from all over. Many people don't want to come out here because it's too far and there's no place to live. Help us make it better for all of us. Erick Felix: I am a Captain/EMT for MVFD and QFD, I also work at Buckskin and I am a diver too. People seem to think that those of us from different districts are different, but we're the same. Our intention is to make**

improvements, not to take over. Sharon Knowles: I don't want our finances intermingled with Quartzsite, I feel like they just want to take our money.

6. Possible vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.03(A)(3). For legal advice from the District's Attorney re: Fire Chief evaluation; merger effort and alternatives; conflict of interest issues. **Susan Sewell made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:32pm, Sam Rees seconded and was approved by the quorum present. This motion also included item number 7.**
7. Possible vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S § 38-31.03(A)(1). **The Board reconvened their session at 7:22pm.**
8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Terminate Merger efforts with Quartzsite Fire District. **Jennifer Walton made a motion to consider an IGA and abandon the merger effort. Susan Sewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously by the quorum present.**
9. Adjourn Meeting: **Susan Sewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Rees seconded and the motion was approved by the quorum present.**

Teena Conrad Chairperson

Susan Sewell Clerk

Jennifer Walton Member

Sam Rees Member

Kenneth Montijo