



Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District

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MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAKE MOHAVE RANCHOS FIRE DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting taped – Administrator John Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Administrator John Flynn led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Administrator John Flynn approved the minutes from the August 17th meeting.

4. **Status Report on Proposed Consolidation with Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District:**

LMRFD Administrator, John Flynn, speaking to a group of between 50-75, reported that the proposed consolidation process with NACFD is slowly moving forward. He reported that at the NACFD Board Meeting August 20, it was decided to postpone action on the consolidation request for 60 days to answer the public's questions while assembling more information.

Mr. Flynn reported that he and Chief Moore attended another public meeting at the Dolan Springs Community Center on Saturday, (September 12), and shared financial and other information there. He stated that the NACFD Board will announce their decision whether or not to accept the LMRFD into consolidation with the NACFD at their regular monthly meeting on October 15. He reported that it was hoped that the consolidation could be done by unanimous agreement of both the NACFD Board and himself, acting as the LMRFD Board, thereby avoiding the cost of an election. He stated that information continues to be posted on the LMRFD website, available to those interested.

Mr. Flynn reiterated that the District is financially solvent, typically spending \$60,000 - \$62,000/month in operating expenses.

5. **Fire Chief's Report on Operational Matters:**

Fire Chief Patrick Moore reported that one firefighter EMT has resigned. He reported that one new firefighter/CEP had been hired. The LMRFD remains short 2 personnel to fully staff the shifts.

Chief Moore stated that it has taken 2 years to save the money to repair the type 6 brush truck's motor and that is currently underway to make it functional once again. It will be stationed at #41.

Chief Moore said efforts are underway to try to make the District's 12-lead monitors transmit to the hospital. He said the LMRFD is the last to move forward with that capability as required by KRMC. There is a cost required and he and John Flynn are working on

6. **Consideration of District boundary changes to include parcels of real property in accordance with A.R.S. §48-262.1.**

Resolution # 15-09-001 Parcel# 343-06-095, Donald D. Boyle, 219 W. Boathouse Dr., Meadview, AZ 86444

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.



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Jay Fleming, Dolan Springs; questioned inaccuracies in Kingman Daily Miner article regarding NACFD budget.

Jim Willoughby, Meadview; questioned time frame for newly annexed parcel to be taxed; following year, was John Flynn's reply.

Unidentified: complaint about response time for gunshot incident in Meadview; 1st come, 1st serve, with subsequent calls waiting for response from other agencies, per Chief Moore.

Rebecca Smith, Dolan Springs: re: "going over financials" in meeting; Per John Flynn, a sitting Board would review the financials, but as a single representative of the Board, he reviews them himself and has them posted to the website for the public to access.

Vince Salmu, Dolan Springs: Re: volunteers, he stated he has a signup sheet for volunteers in his business and nobody is putting their name on the list.

Mark Shaver, Dolan Springs: Asked if anyone was interested in being on a Fire District Board. Several hands raised.

Jay Fleming, Dolan Springs: complained of 144 sq. mile fire district covering 2200 sq. mile C.O.N. Need volunteers.

Unidentified, Meadview: "We had an excellent volunteer group here at one time, but then we all got older."

Bobby Porzio, Meadview: stated that he attended the classes required for Board members and what is taught is a small part of what needs to be known to be an effective Board member. He stated desire to go forward with proven Board and Fire Chief, and getting volunteers in addition, but not going backward to what was a "recipe for disaster".

Pat Kelley-Staab, Meadview: stated she started as a volunteer EMT & dispatcher for the GMFD (Meadview fire district before consolidating with LMRFD) when it was all volunteers and the problem with volunteers is no one wants to be on a schedule. They may or may not show up for calls.

Vince Salmu, Dolan Springs: asked what are requirements & responsibilities to be Board Member; answer 1 year to obtain required training. Board is responsible for fiduciary and policy decisions. New legislation allows for a Board to be held responsible for a repeat of LMRFD's behavior.

Eric Krug, ? (sp?): questioned how to sign up to volunteer; Need a group of 10 or so volunteers to make training cost effective.

Gerald Smith, Meadview: questioned if Meadview (previously GMFD) could separate from LMRFD and consolidate with NACFD? Per John Flynn, it would be a lengthy, expensive process, and all assets would remain with LMRFD.

Brenda Porzio, Meadview: stated that consolidation with NACFD would provide Chief, Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Radio & other personnel that won't be available to a stand-alone district. She questioned who would be in charge when the Chief is gone?

Jim Willoughby, Meadview: There would be Board positions available on the NACFD Board for anyone who wanted to run.

Mark Shaver, Dolan Springs: Issue is "community identity"; people don't want to lose it.

Donna Wickerd, Dolan Springs: Re: growing fire district 3.5% to cover another firefighter position, by expanding outside the fire district into White Hills, and businesses along Hwy 93.

Vince Salmu, Dolan Springs: has a petition out in Dolan Springs and of 300 names so far all have said "yes" to consolidation, and none have said "no". He asked for clarity on any co-mingling of money and if ours stays in our area. Chief Moore responded that monies earned in each area stay in that area. There is no moving of funds from one area to another.

Christine Baker, Meadview: If consolidate, can un-consolidate? No.

Rebecca Smith, Dolan Springs: Re: LMRFD 50 yrs. old probably will survive without consolidating. Re: "stuff" gotten for LMRFD by NACFD; Radio system purchased; stuff given = thermal imaging cameras, CO gas detectors, pagers at station; communications stuff;

Bobby Porzio, Meadview: \$20,000-\$25,000 previous administration spent on radio system without bidding it out, without a legal radio license, and it never worked. John Flynn and Chief Moore had to fix it.



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Unidentified: Re: Consolidation: John Flynn responded, law states that if Fire District is insolvent, the Board MUST consider consolidation or merger. As John Flynn acts as the LMRFD Board, he is required by law to pursue consolidation. That failing, he approaches the Board of Supervisors and asks for an election to seat a Board.

Lilly, Dolan Springs: Re: Costs saved by consolidation; Administrative, audit, fire prevention purchase of supplies in bulk among other things.

Chuck Waalkens, River Medical, Kingman; Bobby Porzio asked if any chance of them moving closer. Mr. Waalkens stated that River Medical currently helps under an IGA. They have their own C.O.N. that requires they respond to their own CON first. Moving closer is not an option, as crossing CON's is not allowed. Are currently discussing sharing a C.O.N.

Jay Fleming, Dolan Springs: Re: "Special Taxing District" all the way to Yucca, for ambulance coverage. Per John Flynn, AZ D.H.S. would not allow it to overlap existing C.O.N.'s

Christine Baker, Meadview: Complaint about LMRFD website

Vince Salmu, Dolan Springs: Read a letter from a resident praising the response and service of ambulance crews on 2 occasions.

Bob Brady, Meadview: Questioned where all the concerned Dolan residents were when the LMRFD was going down?

Supervisor Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors: Here, been at all the meetings, listening to the pros & cons. As Representative, she will do what the majority of the voters want to do. She is hearing mostly that people do want to consolidate. Either way, Mohave County B.O.S. will be with the LMRFD until it is either consolidated with NACFD or a stand-alone Board is seated. In reply to a question, she stated that if the LMRFD goes stand-alone and fails, the County will not be able to step in to help again.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS for the agenda of the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District's next scheduled meeting and or a special meeting called by the administrator for the purpose of carrying out its powers and duties:

A. NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Administrator John Flynn Adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Adjourned to Executive session per A.R.S. 38-431.03A: NONE

Date and time of next meeting: Monday, OCTOBER 19, 1:30 P.M. at the Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District Station #41 located at 16126 Pierce Ferry Road, Dolan Springs, AZ 86441

Respectfully submitted by: John Flynn, Administrator