

Mormon Lake Fire District Board Meeting

January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order By Chairperson Lewis at 10:02am**
2. **Roll Call** – Chairperson Lewis, Clerk Haupricht, Member Verdino via Zoom, Member Nahass via Zoom, Member Morgenthal; Chief Western- ALL PRESENT; Attending Community Members Leonard Biehl and Anthony Hughes, Several members from the Stoneman Lake Community were present or via Zoom
3. **Call to the Public** - *NO PUBLIC COMMENT*
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes; *Motion to accept made by Member Morgenthal, Seconded by Member Nahass; All Members Present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
5. **Finance**
 - A. Financial Report- *Chief Western provided the Financial Report, Motion to accept made by Member Nahass, Seconded by Member Morgenthal; All Members Present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
6. **Reports & Correspondence**
 - A. Department Report and Correspondence- *Chief Western provided the Department Report and Correspondence- Motion to accept made by Chairperson Lewis, Seconded by Member Verdino; All Members Present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
7. **Topics of Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Stoneman Lake Annex- *Discussion regarding the possible annexation of the Stoneman Lake Community; Several members of the public expressed support for the plan. Chief Western discussed the process to move forward; Board members discusses concerns; A public hearing was scheduled for February 07, 2022 at 10am*
 - B. Pay Increase- *Chief Western brought up the state minimum wage increase and the need to increase the lowest wage to minimum; He suggested that a pay increase across the board for the three pay scales be implemented at 10.8%; Chairperson Lewis asked about the Fire Chief's pay, the board decided to table that until April; Chairperson Lewis made a motion to increase the pay scale by 11% across the board and make it effective with the current pay period; Seconded by Member Verdino; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
 - C. Brush Pile- *Discussion with concern for the lack of brush pile options; Chief Western is in contact with the Forest Service to possibly use the Ranger Station area. More information will be coming in the spring.*
 - D. VFIS Insurance- *VFIS provided a quote for Cybersecurity insurance; Member Verdino made a motion to accept the added insurance; Seconded by Member Haupricht; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
 - E. Review Fire Chief Calendar and Fire Board Task Calendar; identify potential items for next month's agenda. *Chief Western and Member Verdino will be attending the AFDA conference and will be leaving this afternoon. Chief Western now has three weeks of vacation this year and will be on vacation the last full week of February.; Decision was made to move the regular board meeting to February 7th following the Public Hearing; Chairperson Lewis made a motion to accept the calendar as presented; Member Morgenthal seconded; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
8. **Fire Board Comments** – *NO Further Comment*
9. **Adjournment**- *Chairperson Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Member Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed*
10. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 am**