

**Mormon Lake Fire District Board Meeting
February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to order By Chairperson Lewis at 10:00 am

2. Roll Call – Chairperson Lewis via Zoom, Clerk Bowdler, Member Haupricht, Member Verdino via Zoom arrived at 10:08 am, Member Nahass absent, Chief Western present, District 3 Supervisor Ontiveros and District 3 Director Hammond; Community Member Beihl present.

3. Call to the Public - NO PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. January 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes- *Motion to approve by Clerk Haupricht, Seconded by Clerk Bowdler; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*

5. Finance

- A. Financial Report- *Chief Western presented the financial report from the accounting office. Motion to approve by Member Haupricht, Seconded by Member Bowdler; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*

6. Reports & Correspondence

- A. Department Report and Correspondence- *Presented by Chief Western; Motion to approve made by Member Haupricht; Seconded by Member Verdino; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*

7. Topics of Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Board of Supervisor Update- *Supervisor Ontiveros provided an update from her office and introductions of herself and her area director. They are working on issues for the district such as yard waste, wildland insurance, and funding.*
- B. Tax Levy- *Chief Western provided the annual tax levy form from the county, our revenue increased slightly less than last year percentagewise, Member Verdino asked for a breakdown at the next meeting.*
- C. Payroll COLA Raises- *Effective January 1st, 2025, Arizona raised the minimum wage by 2.5 percent, the department is looking to raise wages by the same amount; Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the increase effective February 1st 2025; Seconded by Clerk Haupricht; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*

8. Fire Board Comments – None.

9. Adjournment *Member Haupricht made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Chairperson Lewis. All Members present voted AYE; Motion passed.*

10. Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 am