

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MOUNT LEMMON FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
HELD September 20, 2021**

A public meeting of the Mount Lemmon Fire District Governing Board was convened on September 20, 2021, via video conference.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order at 4:03 PM by Chairman Perchorowicz.

Roll Call-	Chairman John Perchorowicz	virtual
	Clerk Todd Canale	virtual
	Treasurer Teri Carpenter	virtual
	Member Tony Mazza	virtual
	Member Tom McNurlin	virtual @ 4:16pm

- Also attending- Fire Chief Joe Gunia

2. Date of next meetings: Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 2021, Dec. 20, 2021, 4:00 pm.

3. Call to Public: No comments

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.

-Motion by Chairman Perchorowicz, second by Clerk Canale to approve Minutes of the August 23, 2021, Regular meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Reports and Correspondence:

A. Financial Reports- Review, discussion, and possible action.

- Chief Gunia asked that the approval of the financial be tabled due to being incomplete.

-No motion

B. Fire Chief's Report- Reviewed by the Board. Report on file.

- Chief Gunia added that S1828 includes the two-step tax rate (current 3.25) cap adjustment for fire districts. Beginning July 1, 2022, the cap will go to 3.375 and 2023 cap will be 3.50.

-Member McNurlin arrived virtually at 4:16 pm

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6. New Business

A. 2022-005 - Staffing

- Chief Gunia ask the board to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4).

-Motion by Chairman Perchorowicz, second by Clerk Canale to go into executive session regarding Staffing.

Motion passed 5-0 at 4:18 pm.

Regular meeting resumed at 4:36 pm

B. 2022-006 – 2020/21 Audit

- Chief Gunia presented proposals for HBL, RCM, and Jennifer J. Phillips, CPA (all on file digitally. Chief Gunia added that Rincon Valley Fire District also uses Jennifer J. Phillips CPA. Rincon Valley Fire District toggles between two firms every three years, and they are very satisfied with her services. There was a brief discussion.

-Motion by Member McNurlin, second by Clerk Canale to enter into contract with Jennifer J. Phillips for 2020/21 Audit. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 2020-001-Station 310 Remodel/Expansion.

- Chairman Perchorowicz updated the board on status of USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program preapplication. Also presented Resolution No. 2022-01 to authorize applying for the Grant Program accompanied by a letter of support from our Lawyer Thomas Benavidez. There was a brief discussion.

-Motion by Member McNurlin, seconded by Clerk Canale to authorize an application to USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program. Motion passed 5-0.

B. 2022-007-Deannexation of federal land.

- Chief Gunia spoke to Steven Miranda, Chief 5 USFA, Coronado regarding this issue. Chief Miranda provided the Arizona Master Cooperative Agreement that was sent to the MLFD board. Unable to find exactly where it states District Boundaries cannot overlap federal land within the Agreement. There was a brief discussion. There was also discussion about S1120 Fire Districts reimbursement on federal land.

-No motion

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C. 2022-003 – Apparatus purchase

- Chief Gunia presented three options for a Polaris UTV with tracks and EMS skid. The idea is that this piece of equipment would be able to get through heavy snow condition and any rugged, narrow terrain (where the current 2-wheel drive ambulance would have difficulty) to assist patient extrication/transport. There was a brief discussion.

-No motion

- 8. Adjournment-** Motion by Treasurer Carpenter, second by Member McNurlin, Motion passed 5 to 0.
Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Dated this 18th day of October 2021.

Mount Lemmon Fire District Governing Board

John Perchorowicz

John Perchorowicz (Oct 19, 2021 14:49 PDT)

Chairman Perchorowicz

John

Todd Canale (Oct 19, 2021 15:00 PDT)

Clerk Canale

Teri Carpenter

Teri Carpenter (Oct 20, 2021 09:46 PDT)

Treasurer Carpenter

Member Mazza

Anthony J Mazza

Anthony J Mazza (Oct 23, 2021 22:47 PDT)

Member McNurlin