REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 6:30 PM
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602
Minutes

Call to Order 6:32 pm

Roll Call:

Chairman Dana Law Present
Clerk Debi Wise Present
Cynthia Drummond Present
Wade Temple Present
William Clowers Present
Chief Nied Present (telephonically)

A quorum is present.

Item 1: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Chairman Law stated: "Any public questions, comments, or concerns may be submitted in writing to the info@mescalj6fd.gov email so the Board may review them at a later date."

Item 2: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2026 and the Special Meeting of September 16, 2026 made by Wade Temple; seconded by William Clowers.

Discussion:
Debi Wise presented the following amendments to the August 26, 2026 minutes:

1. Bulleted lists changed to numbered lists for ease of reference, including Item 6 (page 5) and Item 8 (page 6, numbered 1 through 4).
2. Number 12: the spelling of a name corrected.
3. Number 16: the duplicate word "Statements" struck, and "Andrews" replaced with "Nervik" in two places.

No changes were presented to the September 16, 2026 minutes.

Vote:
Wade Temple Yes
Cynthia Drummond Yes
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2026, as amended, and the Special Meeting of September 16, 2026.

Item 3: **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to approve the August 2026 Financial Reports, as prepared by Natalie Galgano of Municipal Accounts & Consulting, made by Wade Temple; seconded by William Clowers.
Natalie Galgano presented the report by phone. No discussion.

Vote:
Wade Temple Yes
Cynthia Drummond Yes
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Approved the August 2026 Financial Reports prepared by Municipal Accounts & Consulting.

Item 4: **PRESENTATION: PILOT PROGRAM—COOPER MUNSON, PRINCIPAL, "THE BOARD SECRETARY":**

Discussion:
Cooper Munson, Principal of The Board Secretary, presented a proposal for a one-month pilot program. He described a service that prepares minutes, agendas, notices and resolutions in the District's existing format from meeting recordings uploaded through an online portal, along with website management, including ADA accessibility compliance, and consulting on email systems, including a possible move to Google Workspace.

Chief Nied stated the opportunity came through the Arizona Special Districts Alliance and recommended a one-month pilot, after which a proposal would come to the Board in October if the pilot proved worthwhile.

Debi Wise asked about pricing. Mr. Munson stated the service would be $1,500 per month after the pilot, with a 10% discount for Arizona Special Districts Alliance members for the first 12 months ($1,350 per month). Debi Wise asked whether the current website would be updated or replaced; Mr. Munson stated he would rebuild the current design to be ADA compliant, with no website build fee. Wade Temple asked

whether the current IT provider would need to be involved in the transition; Mr. Munson stated that only access to the domain's DNS settings would be needed.

Board members compared the proposal with the District's current IT costs ($950 last month and $1,200 this month) and a separate ADA compliance quote of approximately $460 per month. The Board confirmed the pilot is for one month at no cost and will be revisited at the October 28, 2026 meeting.

Motion to approve entering into a pilot program with Cooper Munson, Principal, The Board Secretary, made by Debi Wise; seconded by Cynthia Drummond.

Vote:
Wade Temple Yes
Cynthia Drummond Yes
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Approved entering into a pilot program with Cooper Munson, Principal, The Board Secretary.

Item 5: **CHIEF'S REPORT:**
Update on District operations. Debi Wise read from the August 2026 Fire Chief Report and asked about the incident billing claims, the HRSA grant for the rescue trucks and UTV, and the fire station funding request; Chief Nied provided updates. Wade Temple asked about the recent increase in serious highway accidents; Chief Nied provided clarification. Chairman Law asked about the water tank agreement and state fuel mitigation grants; Chief Nied provided clarification.
No action taken.

Item 6: **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:**
Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be October 28, 2026.

Item 7: **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):**
The Board Secretary pilot program will be on the October 28, 2026 agenda.

Item 8: **ADJOURN:**
Motion to adjourn made by Wade Temple; seconded by William Clowers.
No discussion.

Vote:
Wade Temple Yes
Cynthia Drummond Yes
William Clowers Yes
Debi Wise Yes
Dana Law Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Minutes compiled and submitted by:
Deborah Wise
Mescal J6 Fire District Board Clerk