

**MOUNTAIN VISTA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 pm by Chairman Ruhnke followed by ROLL CALL

Members Present

Earle Ruhnke, Chairman
Jerry Phillips, Treasurer
Donna Heidinger, Clerk
Peter Archuleta, Director
Mike Treece, Director

Absent

None

Staff Present

Scott Butler, Administrative Chief
Lorrie Palmquist, Executive Assistant

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Chief Jeff Piechura, Northwest Fire District, was invited to address the MVFD Board concerning the use of public funds and resources by private organizations. He also discussed the parameters of Northwest FD providing automatic aid between neighboring fire districts. Chief Piechura began his discussion by presenting a brief synopsis of a legal case from the Phoenix area in which taxpayer funds were improperly utilized for private benefit. The Chief made the point that since the District uses public resources, it must show a tangible exchange for what has been received. Nonpublic organizations cannot profit from the utilization of public resources.

Director Archuleta questioned whether automatic aid between the two Districts would be considered a mutual exchange. Chief Piechura responded that automatic aid can exist as long as there is no imbalance in the relationship between taxpayer funds received and the services provided to those taxpayers. Director Archuleta asked if NWFD would provide automatic aid to MVFD now. Chief Piechura replied, "No," and went on to discuss the current circumstances and relationship between MVFD and NWFD. A brief discussion ensued. Chief Piechura left the meeting at 6:35 PM.

II. Strategic Planning Work Session

Jan Aalberts-Waukon, facilitator, lead the first strategic planning session for the MVFD Board and stakeholders. The session began with brief introductions of each person involved with the S/P process. Ms. Waukon gave a brief summary of the S/P process and the role of the Board of Directors. Next, those involved were divided into 3 small groups to address a visioning and values questionnaire. A discussion ensued. Ms. Waukon stated she will summarize all responses from the evening into a usable format for the next S/P work session on Monday, October 25 at 6 PM.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

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