

## **Pine-Strawberry Fire District**

### PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 4, 2026

- 1. Call to Order:** at 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, by Chairman Robert Papke
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Chairman Robert Papke
- 3. Invocation:** Offered by Marylin Bennett
- 4. Roll Call of Board Members:**
  - a. The following PSFD Board Members were present: Chairman Robert (Bob) Papke, Clerk David Burkhart, Board Member Bob Bennett, and Board Member Melvin Palmer. One Board Position Vacant.
- 5. Old Business:**
  - a. Discussion and possible action on the maximum amount of the first sale of the General Obligation Bonds as approved by the voters of the Pine-Strawberry Fire District.
    - (i) Interim Fire Chief Paul Voakes briefed the Board on the options available.
    - (ii) The board members discussed these options.
    - (iii) David Burkhart made the motion that the Board go with the 5.35 million amount of the first sale of the General Obligation Bonds. Bob Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. New Business:**
  - a. Discussion and possible Board Action on the timing of the Performance Evaluation of the Interim Fire Chief Paul Voakes.
    - (i) Chairman Robert Papke gave his reasoning to wait till after Interim position was complete.
    - (ii) David Burkhart gave his reasoning for conducting the evaluation in January and February.
    - (iii) The Board discussed the options and decided to allow the Board members to start conducting their individual portions of the evaluation now, and then in March, at the general meeting, to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of the evaluations. The Board decided that no vote was needed.
- 7. Future Board Meeting Date:**
  - a. **Special Board Meeting** -- Monday, February 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM. At the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Station 41 Conference room, 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, Pine, Arizona.
  - b. **Special Board Meeting** -- Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm. At Payson Fire Station #11, located at 400 W. Main Street, Payson, Arizona.
  - c. **Regular Board Meeting** -- Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 4:00 PM. At the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Station 41 Conference room, 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, Pine, Arizona.

**8. Items for Discussion:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on sharing services of a Fire Chief on an interim Basis through an Inter-governmental Agreement.

**9. Adjournment:**

- a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by David Burkhart and seconded by Bob Bennett. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.