

## Special Board Meeting

Minutes November 5, 2024

Pine-Strawberry Fire District

A public meeting of the Pine Strawberry Fire District Board held Tuesday, November 5, 2024 beginning at 2:00 P.M. At the Pine Strawberry Fire District Station 41 conference room located at 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd., Pine, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER by C. Ackerman at 2:00 P.M.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE X

2) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

C. Ackerman, Chairman: X

R. Papke, Clerk: X

B. Bennett, Member: X

D. Burkhart, Member: X

M. Palmer, Member: X

3) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion/Possible action on seeking outside legal counsel for a personnel matter.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of obtaining legal advise regarding a personnel matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)(3), Motion: D Burkhart , Second: C. Ackerman , Vote: 5-0.

There were no members of the public or District staff, except Chief Joel Brandt, present. Also present by phone was the District's Attorney Jeff Matura.

The Executive Session opened at 2:01.

The Executive session was ended at 2:12.

Public Discussion:

The meeting resumed with no additional attendance.

Mr. Burkhart moved that the Board retain an outside, independent investigator to investigate the facts and possible violations of law or District Policy regarding a written complaint lodged by one PSFD member against two other PSFD members. The investigator to be recommended by District legal counsel and that Board Chairman Mr.Ackerman act as the point of contact for the duration of the investigation, further that he be authorized to make expenditures not to exceed \$10,000 without further Board Action regarding retention of the investigator. Mr. Bennett seconded. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion carried.

4) FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS and NEXT MEETING DATE (if needed)

No future meeting or agenda items were set.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: D. Burkhart Second: C. Ackerman Vote: 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:20