

Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 pm.

- 1) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2) **Invocation** – Marilyn Bennett offered the invocation.
- 3) **Roll Call** – Present were Board Clerk - Bob Papke, Member - Bob Bennett (via Zoom), Board Chairman - Chuck Ackerman, Member - Dave Burkhart, and Member - Melvin Palmer.
- 4) **Presentations** – None.
- 5) **Correspondence** – Two “Thank you” letters were read.
- 6) **Call to the Public** – None.
- 7) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

August 21, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Dave Burkhart made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chuck Ackerman seconded the motion, and it passed with four ayes. Mel Palmer abstained.

- 8) **Financial Report of August 2025** – Ben Archer-Clowes of the James Vincent Group was in attendance and presented the financials for August. Dave Burkhart made a motion to approve the financial report as given and to authorize the Board Clerk to sign. Mel Palmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (See attached Financial Report.)

- 9) **Fire Chief's Report** – Including but not limited to:
(See attached Fire Chief's Report.)

Emergency Activity-

Total Dispatches for July = 85 Total Calls for Service - Previous Month 76

1 Fire Call – Mutual Aid with Payson
49 Rescue and EMS
1 Gas Leak/Hazmat
29 Misc. Service Calls
5 Motor Vehicle Accidents

10) Other Fire District Related Reports

- a) **District Board Chairman's Report** – None.
- b) **Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Report** – None.
- c) **Firefighter's Association Report** – None.
- d) **Labor Organization Report** – None.

11) Old Business –

- a) **Discussion and update on Bond Issuance –**

Interim Chief Voakes reported that the Car Show at the Big Red Barn raised \$1,100 for the Bond PAC (Political Action Committee). Voter information/sample ballots have been mailed. (This is an all by mail election.) Ballots will be sent by 10-4-25. Mr. Ackerman asked if there was a minimum number total number of votes needed for the election to be valid. Chief Voakes will research.

Currently in discussion regarding potential property sites. Several have been identified and initial talks have begun, giving the District options including outright purchase or long-term lease. Mr. Ackerman stressed importance of due diligence in researching all options on station location sites to provide the best deal for the taxpayers.

12) New Business –

(Items to be considered, reviewed, discussed, and possible action on)

No new business.

13) Future Board Meeting Date – Thursday, October 30th at 3:00pm.

Items for discussion – Bond Issue.

14) Adjournment: Dave Burkhart made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bennett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at 3:58 pm.