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Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2026

1. Call to Order: at 4:00 PM, 02/09/2026 by Chairman Robert Papke

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Robert Papke

3. Invocation: Offered by Marilyn Bennett

4. Roll Call of Board Members: 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 is 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.

Chairman Papke briefed the Board that press would be at the 02/11/2026 meeting and ask the Board why we were looking at an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and an interim Chief at this time. Several reasons were given including having interim Chief Voakes return to truck, reducing the overtime expense for covering his shifts, and allowing Pine-Strawberry to check out the Tonto Basin Fire District Chief and how IGA would work. It also allows a recruitment period for a full-time Fire Chief.

The board members then discussed the rates for the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) of using the Tonto Basin Fire District Chief. 4 options were given. The Board liked the 60/40 split the most, but they would accept the 65/35 split.

David Burkhart discussed if an agreement was reached, when would be the start date, suggesting the potential start date of Sunday, March 1, 2026. This would give Interim Chief Voakes 2 weeks to brief the TBFD Chief. The Board felt that was a good date.

6. Future Board Meeting Date:

Special Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm. At Payson Fire Station #11, located at 400 W. Main Street, Payson, Arizona.

Regular 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.

7. Items for Discussion: For the Boards of TBFD and PSFD discussion and possible action on sharing the services of a Fire Chief on an interim basis.

8. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Melvin Palmer and seconded by Chairman Robert Papke. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.