

Board Agenda February 19, 2026

Pine-Strawberry Fire District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Board of Directors and to the public that the Board will hold a public meeting on **February 19, 2026, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Station 41 conference room**, located at 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd. in Pine, Arizona. Access to the meeting room will be available 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action. **The Board reserves the right to address any item in any order they wish.**

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CALL TO ORDER

- 1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2) INVOCATION
- 3) ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
- 4) PRESENTATIONS
- 5) CORRESPONDENCE
- 6) **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - Those wishing to address the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is **not** permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the Call to the Public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion and legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed at them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board **cannot** discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law. Speakers responding to the Call to the Public are restricted to 3 minutes of speaking time each.
- 7) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a) January 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b) February 4, 2026, Joint Boards Special Meeting Minutes
 - c) February 4, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

- d) February 9, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
- e) February 11, 2026, Joint Boards Special Meeting Minutes

8) FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Approve the January 2026 Financial Report

9) FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Discussion/possible action or direction on the following items:

- a) Significant emergency incidents
- b) Other non-emergency Fire District activity
- c) Progress report on Fire Board directed Fire District business activities or projects
- d) Report on emergency call volume for the previous month
- e) Report on vehicle maintenance from previous month
- f) Report on training activities for the previous month
- g) Specific program updates or demonstrations

10) OTHER FIRE DISTRICT RELATED REPORTS

(Items to be presented, considered, reviewed, discussed only.)

- a) District's Board Chairman Report & Discussion
- b) Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board Report
- c) Firefighter's Association Report
- d) Labor Organization Report

11) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action on General Obligation Bond
- b) Discussion and possible action on negotiating a possible land purchase for the new fire station
- c) Discussion and possible action on filling a Fire Board Vacancy
- d) Discussion and possible action on hiring an Interim Chief
- e) Discussion and possible action on Intergovernmental Agreement for shared Administration services
- f) Discussion/update on retiring old Engine 41 and Putting New Engine 41 in Service

12) NEW BUSINESS

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

- a) Discussion and possible action on reconvening/appointing new Policy Committee to address IRS regulations on HSA contribution limits

13) FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS and NEXT MEETING DATE

14) ADJOURNMENT

Notice of Meeting Agenda dated and posted _____ at _____ local time.

By: _____

If any person has special needs for a specific type of accommodation, please notify the Pine-Strawberry Fire District prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

- 1) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2) **Invocation** – Marilyn Bennett offered the invocation.
- 3) **Roll Call** – Present were Interim Board Chairman - Bob Papke, Member - Bob Bennett, Member - Melvin Palmer, and Member - Dave Burkhart. Board Chairman - Chuck Ackerman was absent on medical leave.
- 4) **Presentations** – Mike LaVallee from Stifel gave a presentation to the Board on the General Obligation Bonds project with a timeline for the same.
Also, during this time, the Board members and all interested parties were given a walking tour around the newly purchased Engine 41.
- 5) **Correspondence** – None
- 6) **Call to the Public** – Helen Palmer of Strawberry, Arizona and member of the Local Food Bank wished to thank the Board for the participation of the Fire District employees who help out so vigorously at every food bank distribution. She wanted the Board to know how much the Food Bank members appreciate the help. She also explained to the Board how much the members of the public appreciate and interact with the employees during the distribution time.
- 7) **Approval of Previous Minutes**
December 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Dave Burkhart made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob Bennett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
December 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes – Dave Burkhart made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mel Palmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 8) **Financial Report of December 2025** – Ben Archer-Clowes of the James Vincent Group was in attendance and presented the financials for December. Mel Palmer made a motion to approve the financial report as given and to authorize the Board Clerk to sign. Dave Burkhart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (See attached Financial Report.)
- 9) **Fire Chief's Report** – Including but not limited to:

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(See attached Fire Chief's Report.)

Emergency Activity-

Total Dispatches for December = 45 Total Calls for Service - Previous Month 57

1 Fire Call

20 Rescue and EMS

2 Gas Leak/Hazmat

16 Misc. Service Calls

6 Motor Vehicle Accidents

2024 Total Calls = 701

2025 Total Calls = 852

10) Other Fire District Related Reports

- a) **District Board Chairman's Report** – Bob Papke Shared his report on Total Calls for Service that he has been keeping track of over this past year. He stated that he would like to see us break out the category of Miscellaneous calls for service. He also noted that this category has increased considerably over the last year. (See attached report)
- b) **Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Report** – Local Board Member Dave Burkhart reported on the AFDA (Arizona Fire District Association) conference that he recently attended. He noted several items of importance including some upcoming legislative issues that may negatively impact the District if passed.
- c) **Firefighter's Association Report** – Chris Williamson reported that the Association has had increased participation this year and highlighted a few of their events including the "Stand" that they were able to put up outside of the Fancy Finds Gift shop area this past summer when promoting the information for the Bond passage. He also mentioned other activities the FFA sponsored this year including a Car Show in October, the family that they helped at Thanksgiving time, The Pancake Breakfast/Toy Drive in December as well as the "Shop with a Hero" event. Chris stated that the FFA was also able to be involved with a local Firefighter who was diagnosed with breast cancer. The FFA was able to make a considerable donation to her Go-fund-me account. The Association also paid for all the books for the Gila County Community Colleges EMT class. Each student was also given a \$100.00 gift card for pants.
- d) **Labor Organization Report** – None.

11) Old Business –

- a) **Discussion and possible action on General Obligation Bond** – The Board directed staff to come up with some approximate numbers for the property, Station, and Fire Engine. They will hold a special meeting on February 4, 2026, at 2:00pm to discuss a "Not to exceed" amount for the bonds that will be sold.
- b) **Update and discussion on future Station 41 location** – Chief Voakes reported that the survey process is still ongoing.
- c) **Discussion and possible action on hiring a Chief/Interim Chief** – Interim Chief Voakes and Board member Bob Papke attended the Tonto Basin Fire Board meeting this morning. The Board may be agreeable to entering into a "Shared services agreement with Pine Strawberry Fire District. Both Districts feel it would be in the best interest to have a joint

meeting of the Boards to discuss further details of what that would entail. The Meeting time agreed upon will be February 4, 2026, at 10:00am in Payson at the Payson Fire Station 11 located at 400 W. Main Street, Payson, Arizona. This interim hire would be one solution to getting Interim Chief Voakes back to his Captain position and thus reducing the overtime costs for covering his position. The Board can then decide how they would like to proceed with a hiring process for a permanent position.

- d) **Discussion and possible action on Intergovernmental Agreement for shared Administrative services** – No action taken – see previous agenda item 11c
- e) **Discussion and update on retiring old Engine 41** Chief Voakes reported that we have been in contact with our insurance carrier and are waiting to hear back from them on the cost for coverage. The Board was curious as to the value of this 27 year old engine. No action taken.

12) **New Business** –

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

- a) **Discussion and Possible action on filling a Board vacancy.** Interim Board Chairman Bob Papke read a letter of resignation from Board Chairman Chuck Ackerman, effective today. Mel Palmer made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Chuck Ackerman with regrets. Dave Burkhart seconded the motion – also with regrets – and it passed unanimously.

Interim Board Chairman Bob Papke then stated that the Board should post the vacancy and allow time for interested individuals to send a letter of interest/resume to the Fire District.

Dave Burkhart made a motion to post the Board vacancy and request all letters of interest be turned in by February 16th, 2026. Bob Bennett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b) **Discussion and possible action on selection of Board leadership positions to fill vacant terms created by resignation of Chuck Ackerman.**

Mel Palmer nominated Bob Papke as the new permanent Board Chairman. Bob Bennett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mel Palmer nominated Dave Burkhart as the new permanent Board Clerk. Bob Bennett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

13) **Future Board Meeting Date** – Special Meetings –

February 4, 2026, at 10:00 am. This meeting will be held at the Payson Fire Station #11 located at 400 W. Main Street, Payson, Arizona.

February 4, 2026, at 2:00pm This meeting will be held at the Pine Strawberry Fire District Station #41 Board Meeting Room located at 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, Pine, Arizona

Next Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2026, at **4:00 pm.**

Items for discussion – General Obligation Bonds, Shared services agreement with Tonto Basin FD, Future Station 41 Location, Chief Selection, Update on Engine 41- Insurance.

- 14) **Adjournment:** Bob Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Mel Palmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at 5:20 pm.

Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT & TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT JOINT FIRE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 4, 2026

1. Call to Order: The Special Joint Board Meeting held between Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) and Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) was called to order at 1000 hours by TBFD Chairman John France at Payson Fire Station #11, 400 W. Main St., Payson, Arizona.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by John France.

3. 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.

b. The following TBFD Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Brian Nail, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Ilene Hailey, and Board Member Clifford "Cliff" Metz.

c. Also Present: TBFD Chief James Stoltenberg, Interim PSFD Chief Paul Voakes, PSFD Firefighter Dan Green, TBFD Board Member at large Debra "Deb" Morris, Junior Morris, Marilyn Bennett. Present via Zoom were Attorney Jeff Matura, Jarrett Cline, and other PSFD staff.

4. New Business:

a. A joint meeting with the Board of the Tonto Basin Fire District to discuss and possible take action on sharing the services of a Fire Chief on an interim basis.

The Board members, TBFD Chief James Stoltenberg, Interim PSFD Chief Paul Voakes, and Attorney Jeff Matura discussed the potential contract for a 6 Month Interim Intergovernmental Shared Services Agreement for Fire Chief's Services between Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) and Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD).

TBFD Chief James Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura reviewed the proposed contract. TBFD and PSFD Board Members asked questions to clarify certain sections of the potential contract. TBFD and PSFD Board Members also requested some potential changes to the contract including the following:

- PSFD Board Members requested that a line item 6 be added to Section 2 under the PSFD's Responsibilities and Obligations on page 2. This line item would state: "PSFD agrees to provide the availability of a PSFD vehicle designated for the Fire Chief during the term of this Agreement. PSFD agrees to pay for fuel and maintenance costs during the term of the Agreement." Chief Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura will modify the verbiage.

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- TBFD Board Member asked a question about the PSFD Auto insurance coverage for contract employees. Interim PSFD Chief Paul Voakes will check this.
- PSFD Chairman Bob Papke requested a change on page 3 under Section 2, jointly the TBFD and PSFD Mutually Agree, item 3. The PSFD Board by-laws state that the PSFD Chairman is the CEO of PSFD and not the Fire Chief. Chief Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura will modify the verbiage.
- PSFD Board Members requested that the verbiage under Section 5, Duties, page 4 be modified to remove the word “solely” and to ensure that the Chief works under the guidance of the Board/s. Chief Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura will modify the verbiage.
- Chief Stoltenberg will add the mailing address, P.O. Boxes, for both TBFD and PSFD under Section 9, Termination on page 5.
- Both Boards agreed that there needed to be a “Pause of Contract” mechanism added to the contract to protect each Board during unforeseen events. Chief Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura will modify the verbiage.

TBFD Chairman John France called for a break at 1105 hours.

TBFD Chairman John France called the Special Session back to order at 1114 hours.

5. New Business Continued:

Chief Stoltenberg reviewed the cost breakdown for both the TBFD and PSFD Fire Chiefs. This included Fire Chief Salaries and benefits for both Fire Districts. The cost breakdown also included some potential cost sharing and savings options for both Fire Districts. The Chief said to scratch the \$8,662.56 and \$84,432.56 on Attachment A.

Following the cost breakdown review it was agreed that both Boards would need to hold their own internal Board Meetings to further discuss the potential Interim Intergovernmental Shared Services Agreement for the Fire Chief’s Services between Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) and Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) and the potential cost sharing addendum to the contract.

It was also agreed by both Boards that another joint TBFD and PSFD Board Meeting on the potential contract and cost breakdown would be held at Payson Fire District Station 11 on February 11, 2026, at 1300 hours.

6. Future Board Meeting Date:

Special Meetings –

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Payson Fire Station #11 located at 400 W. Main Street, Payson, Arizona.

7. Items for discussion:

- a. A joint meeting with the Board of the Tonto Basin Fire District to discuss and possible take action on sharing the services of a Fire Chief on an interim basis.

8. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by TBFD Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by TBFD Board Member Robert Cooper. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 1135 hours.

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 Marilyn 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 2nd 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 2nd 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.

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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.

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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 Marylin 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.

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Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT & TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2026

- 1. Call to Order:** This special session joint Board Meeting held between Tonto Basin Fire District (Tbfd) and Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) was called to order at 1300 hours by Tbfd Chairman John France at Payson Fire Station #11, 400 W. Main St., Payson, AZ.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by John France.
- 3. 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 Melvin Palmer. One Board Position is Vacant.
 - b. The following Tbfd Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Brian Nail, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Ilene Hailey, and Board Member Clifford "Cliff" Metz.
 - c. Also Present: Chief James Stoltenberg, Interim PSFD Chief Paul Voakes, Marylin Bennett, David Bolla, Payson Roundup and Jarrett Cline via Zoom New Business Discussion/Information:
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. For the Boards of Tbfd and PSFD discuss and possible take action on sharing the services of a Fire Chief on an interim basis.
 - (1) Proceeded regarding a potential contract for a 6-Month Interim Intergovernmental Shared Services Agreement for the Fire Chief's Services between Tonto Basin Fire District (Tbfd) and the Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) as presented by Chief Stoltenberg.
 - (2) The Tbfd Chief reviewed the proposed contract changes that were made following the Special Joint Meeting on February 4, 2025.
 - (a) These changes included:
 - (i) Added line items 5 and 6 to Section 2 under the PSFD's Responsibilities and Obligations on page 2. These line items were specific to the PSFD vehicle usage and maintenance. Line item 6 was also removed from Exhibit A.
 - (ii) Replaced verbiage on page 3 under Section 2 to ensure consistency with the PSFD Board by-laws.
 - (iii) Removed the word "solely" under Section 5, Duties, page and cleaned up the language to ensure that the Chief works under the guidance of the Boards.
 - (iv) Added the mailing address, P.O. Boxes, for both Tbfd and PSFD under Section 9, Termination on page 5.
 - (v) Inserted language for a "Pause of Contract" mechanism under Section 9, Termination on page 5.
 - (3) There was a request to add "incapacitated" to this verbiage in order to cover both Boards. Chief Stoltenberg and Attorney Matura will modify the verbiage.
 - (4) At this time both the Tbfd and PSFD Boards agreed that the contract language was satisfactory once the "Pause of Contract" language was edited.
 - (5) Both Boards also agreed that they would take the contract back to their respective Regular Board Meetings later in February for action.

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(6) Chief Stoltenberg then started a review of the different financial options that were prepared by Chief Stoltenberg and JVG.

(a) The review included the costs that Tbfd would have to absorb to ensure it covered for the Chief's absence given that he is a working Chief in Tbfd and sometimes has to cover on an ambulance or fire truck.

(b) The review also included an updated cost breakdown of fuel costs based on the IRS fuel rate of 72.5 cents per mile. MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING BETWEEN TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT & PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT Special Session February 11, 2026 Tbfd Board Members highlighted the fact that there would be additional costs for Tbfd of ~\$11,626 to backfill with "On Call Captains" when the Chief was in PSFD and \$5,011 in additional fuel costs for using the Tbfd vehicle to travel back and forth from Tbfd to PSFD.

(i) One of the requests from Tbfd was to split the fuel costs with each fire district absorbing ~\$400 in monthly fuel costs.

(c) Following discussions on the costs and potential savings for both districts Tbfd requested that the Chief's salary costs be split 70/30 with PSFD paying 70% and Tbfd paying 30%. This would result in a savings of ~\$43,600 for PSFD and ~\$21,769 for Tbfd for the 6-month interim contract period.

(d) At 1347 hours a motion was made by PSFD Board Member David Burkhardt for the PSFD Board to go into Executive Session in order to discuss Personnel, Financial, and Contractual options/concerns that were presented. The motion was seconded by PSFD Board Member Melvin Palmer. The motion for PSFD to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Financial and Contractual options/concerns was unanimously approved by all PSFD Board Members.

(i) The Tbfd Board and all other public attendees left the meeting room to allow the PSFD to continue with the Executive Session. New Business Discussion/Information (continued):

(e) At 1410 hours the Joint Board of Directors Meeting between Tbfd and PSFD was called back to order by Tbfd Chairman John France.

(f) PSFD Board Member David Burkhardt made a motion to accept the 70/30 split for the Chief's salary with 70% paid by PSFD and 30% paid by Tbfd as presented by Chief Stoltenberg and the Tbfd Board with all future discussions/negotiations to be held between both Board Chairmen. The motion was seconded by PSFD Board Member Melvin Palmer. The motion to accept the 70/30 split for the Chief's salary and allow any future discussions/negotiations to be held between both Board Chairmen was unanimously approved by all PSFD Board Members.

(g) Tbfd Board Member John France made a motion to accept the 70/30 split for the Chief's salary with 70% paid by PSFD and 30% paid by Tbfd as presented by Chief Stoltenberg and the Tbfd Board with all future discussions/negotiations to be held between both Board Chairmen. The motion was seconded by Tbfd Board Member Brian Nail. The motion to accept the 70/30 split for the Chief's salary and allow any future discussions/negotiations to be held between both Board Chairmen was unanimously approved by all Tbfd Board Members.

(h) A discussion was held on the timing for the contract to begin and it was agreed that the contract would begin on March 1, 2026 and go through the interim 6-month period until September 1, 2026.

(i) The Chief did state that Attorney Jeff Matura had worked on the contract during the meeting and the "Pause of Contract" language had been modified to include incapacitated.

4. Future Board Meeting Date:

a. No addition joint meeting was planed.



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Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

Attached are the following for your information and review:

1. Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2026.
2. Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances as of January 31, 2026.
3. Income Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for January 2026 including budget to actual and year- to-date balances.
4. Income and Expenses Graph FY26.
5. Monthly Disbursement Report.
6. 12-Month Cash Flow.

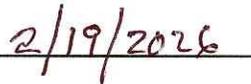
Key points:

- Revenue for January is \$ 306,032 which is \$ 180,076 over budget.
 - Tax Revenue is \$266,272 which is \$ 175,608 over budget.
 - Non-Tax Revenue is \$ 39,759 which is \$ 4,467 over budget.
- Expenses for January totaled \$ 521,743 which is over budget by \$ 208,171.
- Year to Date Revenue is \$3,049,950 which is over budget by \$ 377,097.
- Year to Date Expense is \$ 2,653,334 which is over budget by \$ 309,037.

Please contact the Finance Department at (480) 422-9777 for any questions or concerns regarding this report.

This report and the attached detail reports have been reviewed and approved by the Fire Board.


Board Clerk


Date



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Fire Chief's Report - February 2026

Emergency Activity – Total Dispatches for January = **66** calls for service

1 Fire Calls

43 EMS Calls

3 Gas Leak/Hazmat/Electric/TRT

2 Motor Vehicle Accidents

17 Misc. Calls for Service

December 2025 there were **45** calls for service.

Vehicle Report

- A41 Install front bumper assembly purchased in November — **\$2,699.10.**
- New E41 Delivery, prep, training
- A41 Installed BK M150 Radio
- FTS came up and replaced leaking gauge, installed Plymo-Vent transmitter, Rerouted comms wiring.
- E42 A to Z Mechanical repaired relief valve and replaced 5 leaking Gauge on pump panel — **\$1,002.44.**
- Old E41 Replaced Driver seat belt assembly — **\$316.30.**

Budget Acct 6110 — **\$4,017.84**

Training Report

- Fire Rescue1: Fed Four/ HIPPA, Blood Borne Pathogens, Sexual Harassment, Workplace Violence
- Pre-plan – Pine Laundry Mat
- Pack Test and PPA
- Med1: Tape & Charts
- Finish Apparatus Rodeo
- Q&A Run Review
- PT at station, daily
- CPR instructor class for Shill, Lynch, Scott, True and Potter
- Training hours for January — Members **703**, Reserves **95**

Plan Reviews

The PSFD Fire Marshall reviewed 12 sets of plans this month with a total addition of 19,200 sq ft. to the District. The total fees collected this month were \$3,976.38.

Significant events

On January 28, 2026, Pine-Strawberry Fire District responded to a reported brush fire on the side of the highway by the Pine Trailhead. Initially the fire was reported to be 10'x10' in size. When crews arrived, it was reported at 0.5 acres and actively burning in grass and brush. The cause was still under investigation. The crews responded and took quick, decisive action to keep the fire from spreading to a larger incident area. This was an unseasonably early fire for the District that showed some decent fire activity for the time of the year. Our crews did an excellent job of mitigating a potentially dangerous fire for the community.



Pine-Strawberry Fire District

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LETTER OF INTENT

This Letter of Intent is to confirm a proposed transaction between the Pine-Strawberry Fire District and Robert Fuller, or his designee, pursuant to which the District will purchase, and Mr. Fuller will sell, two (2) acres of land located in Pine, Arizona. The land is currently part of Assessor Parcel Number 301-21-058 in Gila County, but will be divided and given a new Assessor Parcel Number.

The District will pay Mr. Fuller \$ 150,000 per acre, for a total purchase price of \$ 300,000. Northstar Surveying, Inc. has performed a survey of the land, including the proposed division, which is currently under review with the Gila County Assessor's Office. Once the review is complete and the land division is recorded with a new Assessors Parcel Number for the 2 acres the District will purchase, the District and Mr. Fuller, or his designee, will enter into a formal purchase contract to document the transaction. The District and Mr. Fuller, or his designee, will then work together in good faith to complete the purchase and sale of the land.

By signing below, the District and Mr. Fuller agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Letter of Intent.

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*CONTINGENT UPON FIRE BOARD APPROVAL
COST FOR SURVEY AND APPRAISAL TO BE ADDED TO PURCHASE PRICE*
PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT ROBERT FULLER

By: *Paul Voakes*
Name: Paul Voakes
Date: February, 18, 2026

By: *Robert Fuller*
Name: Robert Fuller
Date: 2-18-2026

Witnessed by:

By: *Robert Parker*
Name: Robert Parker
Date: 2-18-2026

Witnessed by:

By: *Michael Fuller*
Name: Michael Fuller
Date: 2-18-26

