Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

September 24, 2026

Station 71 – 10603 N Houston Mesa Rd – Payson – Training Room

~Minutes~

1. Call To Order

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District (WWFMD) was called to order by Chairman **Steve Stevens** at **6:00**- PM on **Thursday September 24, 2026** at the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District Station 71, 10603 N Houston Mesa Rd, Payson, Arizona. Admin/Firefighter Crystal Cameron recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

A. Roll Call

Board Present: Chairman Steve Stevens, Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell (Late), Member Janel Croy, Member Frank Church, Member Mark Essary (Late)
Staff Present: Chief C. Lecher, Capt. T. Hamilton, FF C. Cameron
Public Present: Sherri church, Jerry Croy
Zoom: Ben Archer Clowes (JVG)

Board Absent:

B. Salute To The Flag Of The United States

Pledge of Allegiance, Led by All in Attendance

2. Reports & Correspondence

A. Financial Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer Clowes (James Vincent Group)

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell **Tabled** Financial Report
Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

B. Reconciliation Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer Clowes (James Vincent Group)

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell **Accepted**
Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

i. WWFMD Responses
   1. Total Calls for Service – 10
   2. EMS – 6
   3. Special Duty – 4
      a. Water Leak, Vehicle Lock Out, Snake Removal, Welfare Check
   4. Still Alarm – 0
   5. First Alarm – 0
   6. 2026 YTD – 123

ii. General
   1. The District has been accepting donations for a New Double Sided LED Marquee/Billboard.
      a. Will be used for important district information (i.e., Board Meetings, Auxiliary Events, Fire Restriction, Brush Pit, etc..)
      b. Gila county has advised that WWFMD needs to submit to the Community Development Committee to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for the electric billboard sign. The sign will also need engineered plans.
   2. HFD and WWFMD are working on a response agreement with both districts to respond to medical and specialty calls.
   3. LUCAS Device Fundraiser
      a. The WWFMD Sparks Auxiliary has been able to raise a total of $5,833 so far.
         i. Breakdown Made from Events:
            1. Taco Diner - $1,042.00
            2. Annual Rummage Sale - $3,333.00
            3. September Pancake Breakfast - $1,140
            4. Lucky Ducky Raffle - $220.00
            5. Random Donation - $100.00
   4. Sparks Auxiliary is now accepting sign ups for the Chili & Salsa Cook.
      a. Email Mindy Russell at SparksAuxiliary@wwfmd.us to sign up.
   5. Sparks Auxiliary is looking for Donations for this years Silent Auction.

iii. Remodel Progress
   1. Kitchen
      a. Completed
   2. ADA Bathroom
      a. A couple tile repairs
   3. Community Room
      a. Completed
   4. Day Room
      a. Completed
   5. Staff Bathroom
      a. Plumber must install drain hole for Hot Water Heater for the Catch Basin
      b. Framing of the back wall and completion of dry wall to start.
   6. All transitions need to be installed
   7. Overall project is approximately 95% completed.

iv. Equipment Update
    1. **Water Tender 72**
        a. Waiting for Exhaust Break to be installed.
    2. **Battalion 7**
        a. Warranty work is being completed to the lights at Waltz upfitting
    3. **E71**
        a. Is at Freedom Outfitting for repairs due to the water tank having a major leak. The tank might be under warranty.
        b. We will also rebuild the valves while the tank is removed along with the rubber hoses.
    4. **Chief 7**
        a. The Ram is back with a new camper shell and lighting. New brakes and seals were also performed.

v. Staff Update
    1. Birthday's:
        a. Jeffrey Yungkans
        b. Mark Hansen
    2. Years of Service Celebration:
        a. 1 Year
            i. Mark Hansen

B. Awards & Recognition

i. Given By: Chief C. Lecher
ii. Given in the Chiefs Report Under Staff Update

4. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

i. Minutes for August 27, 2026

Motion: Member Frank Church **Accepted**
Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy
Motion Carried: 5/0

B. Financial Investment

i. Discuss Possibilities of Investing District Money

Motion: Member Janel Croy **Removal of Discussion** From Future Agenda Items
Motion Seconded: Chairman Steve Stevens
Motion Carried: 4/1

6. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

7. Adjournment

Motion: Member Janel Croy **Accepted**
Motion Seconded: Chairman Steve Stevens
Motion Carried: 5/0

This Meeting Adjourned at: 6:39 - PM
Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter