



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

January 22, 2025

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 **January 22, 2025** 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 S. Stevens, Clerk G. Caldwell, Member J. Croy, Member M. Essary

Staff Present: Fire Chief Lecher, Captain Hamilton, FF Cameron

Public Present: Ben Archer-Clowes, Brian Richards, John & Lori Collins, Tom Cheatham, Heidi Swatty, Jerry Croy

Zoom: Angie Lecher

Board Absent: Member Frank Church

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

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

B. Reconciliation Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer-Clowes

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

i. WWFMD Responses

1. Total Calls for Service – 8
2. EMS – 5
3. Special Duty – 2
 - a. Carbon Monoxide
 - b. Missing Person
4. Still Alarm – 0
5. First Alarm – 1
 - a. RV Fire
6. Total Calls for 2025 – 160

ii. General

1. Station 71 Remodel is still ongoing.
 - a. Tape N Texture has been completed.
 - b. Paint and Primer is ongoing.
 - c. The contractor leveled floor for the kitchen and is to start on Monday installing cabinets for Kitchen
2. ISO was performed a reevaluation of the district on May 20th. Nothing new to report.
3. Chief Lecher attended AFDA this last week in Laughlin, NV
4. Celebration of Life was held for fellow firefighter and survivor of the Dude Fire at Station 72

iii. Equipment Update

1. Houston Mesa Fire Board approved the conditions WWFMD presented for the purchase of their Water Tender.
2. HMFD will be presenting the first \$10,000 invoice shortly and we will have possession within a month after receiving the invoice.

iv. Staff Update

1. Birthday's:
 - a. NA
2. Years of Service Celebration:
 - a. 2 Years
 - i. Chief Cris Lecher
 - ii. Andrew Farrer/K9 Duke Farrer
 - iii. Dan Green
 - iv. John Collin
 - b. 1 Year
 - i. Mike Roberts
3. New Hire:
 - a. Daniel Matlock – FF1/2 & EMT

B. Awards & Recognition

- i. Given By: Chief C. Lecher in Chief's Report

4. Public Forum

- Jerry Croy asked Chief Lecher while he was at AFDA Conference if there was any talk about Homeowner Insurance Possibilities?
 - Chief Lecher responded with unfortunately there was no talk about it.
- Heidi Swatty asked if the Merger was going to try and take place within the next 9 to 12 months.
 - Chief Lecher responded with No, the talks have just begun and it will take possibly multiple years before it is ironed out.

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i. Minutes for December 18, 2025

Motion: Chairman Steve Stevens

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/0

6. New Business

A. Audit Report

- i. Presented By: Brian Richards

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell Motioned to Table for 1 month to review

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

7. Public Forum

No Public Comment was made at this time

8. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman Steve Stevens

Motion Seconded: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Motion Carried: 4/0

This Meeting Adjourned at: 6:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter