



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

June 25, 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 Clerk **Geoffrey Caldwell** at **6:00- PM** on **Thursday June 25, 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: Clerk G. Caldwell, Member F. Church, Member J. Croy, Member M. Essary
Staff Present: Chief C. Lecher, FF Cameron, FF Ciccolini
Public Present: Sherri Church, Jerry Croy
Zoom: Jesse Richardson

Board Absent: Chairman S. Stevens

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-Clowe

Motion: Clerk G. Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member M. Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

B. Reconciliation Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer-Clowe

Motion: Clerk G. Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member J. Croy

Motion Carried: 4/4

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

- i. WWFMD Response's**
 - 1. Total Calls for Service – 24**
 - a. EMS – 9
 - b. Special Duty – 15
 - i. BP Check, Abandon Campfire, Smoke check, Water Leak, Illegal burn, Smoke in House, Traffic Hazard
 - c. Still Alarm – 1
 - i. Brush Fire
 - d. First Alarm – 0
 - 2. 2026 Year To Date Calls – 72**
- ii. General**
 - 1. ISO Preform a reevaluation of the District on May 20, 2025.**
 - a. ISO states that the Report has been ready to view in their system, but we are not able to view it currently and are working on resolving the issue.
 - 2. The District has been accepting Donation for a New Double Sided LED Marquee/Billboard.**
 - a. If allowed by the County, this is going to be installed on the pole outside the front of Station 71 that currently has the old Air Raid Siren on it.
 - b. This will be used for Important District Information (i.e. Board Meetings, Fire Restriction, Brush Pit, Auxiliary Events, Etc....)
 - 3. The district is currently in the process of switching IT companies. We are going from Smart System (Blue K) to Sun State.**
 - 4. Staff is working with First Due to implement Digital Timecards, as well as Digital Asset Inventory and Maintenance Tracking.**
 - a. We are hopeful to have the system up and running sometime in July.
- iii. District Water Source**
 - 1. One of the 50,000 gal. Water Bladders in Bonita Creek Dip Site catastrophically failed Sunday Night.**
 - a. Insurance has been contact, as all Bladders are insured.
 - 2. We ask that the public please do not disturb or mess with the ruptured bladder as an insurance adjuster may come out to investigate the claim.**
- iv. 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 has been out working on relocating the hot water heater and installing water filtration system.
 - 6. All transitions need to be installed**
 - 7. Overall project is approximately 95% completed.**
- v. Equipment Update**
 - 1. Water Tender 71**

- a. Waiting on Exhaust Break to be installed. Its been harder than expected to find the correct parts that work with the type of engine WT 72 has.
- 2. Chief 7's Truck was upfitted with a Bed Slide
 - a. This make the whole bed accessible and helps keep everything organized with quick access.
- vi. Staff Update
 - 1. Birthdays: NA
 - 2. Years of Service Celebrations: NA
 - 3. New Hire: Riley Hamilton - Paramedic

B. Awards & Recognition

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

4. Public Forum

- Board Member Mark Essary states:
 - That the Fire District's neighbor Arnold came to him and complained about the gate being left open after events and the cattle are being let in to his yard and he feels as if the District is taking advantage of him.
 - Arnold also said that the cattle are getting behind the truck barn and rubbing against the new Mini Split Condensers and is afraid that they are going to damage them.
 - Essary suggests that the District install a gate in the opening between the Truck Barn and Arnolds Fence and said he would install it for free for the District if the District paid for the Materials.

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i. Minutes for **May 28, 2026**

Motion: Member F. Church

Motion Seconded: Member J. Croy

Motion Carried: 4/4

6. New Business

A. Mutual Aid Agreement

- i. Approval of the Mutual Aid Agreement with outlying agencies

Motion: Member J. Croy

Motion Seconded: Member M. Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

B. Future Board meetings

- i.** Move all future Board Meetings to 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm
- ii.** It was Motioned to keep the Meeting time at 6:00-pm as it is a conflict with to many board members to move

Motion: Member J. Croy

Motion Seconded: Member F. Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

7. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

8. Adjournment

Motion: Member J. Croy

Motion Seconded: Member M. Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

This Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30-pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter