



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

May 28, 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 Caldweel at **6:02- PM** on **Thursday May 28, 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 Geoffrey Caldwell, Member Janel Croy, and Member Mark Essary

Staff Present: FF Cameron, FF Ciccolini

Public Present: Jerry Croy, Stephanie Smith, Susan Durkin

Zoom: Chief Cris Lecher, Captain T. Hamilton, and Kathleen

Board Absent: Chairman Steve Steven, 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: Steven Rodriguez

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 3/3

B. Reconciliation Report

i. Given By: Steven Rodriguez

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 3/3

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

i. WWFMD Responses

1. Total Calls for Service: 18
 - a. EMS – 9
 - b. Special Duty – 8
 - i. Lift Assist, Abandon Campfire, Hazard, Smoke Check, Public Assist, Blood Pressure Check.
 - c. Still Alarm – 1
 - i. Bonita Creek Wildfire
 - d. First Alarm – 0
2. Year to Date Calls – 65

ii. General

1. ISO preformed a reevaluation of the District in May 2025. Nothing new to report.
2. Residence from Bonita Creek have been donating funds 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 Station that currently has the old air raid siren on it.
 - b. Will be used for important District information (i.e., Board Meetings, Auxiliary Events, Fire Restrictions, Brush Pit, etc..)

iii. Remodel Progress

1. Kitchen
 - a. Complete
2. ADA Bathroom
 - a. Transition to be installed
 - b. A Couple Tile Repairs
 - c. Blinds to be installed
3. Community Room
 - a. Complete
4. Day Room
 - a. Blinds to be installed
5. Staff Bathroom
 - a. Waiting on Plumber to relocate Water Heater before demo.
6. Overall project is approximately 95% complete

iv. Equipment Update

1. Water Tender 72
 - a. Waiting for Exhaust Break to be installed
2. The 2012 Polaris Ranger was put up for sealed bid and was purchased for \$2,001.99
3. We have acquired the 2021 Polaris Razor and are in the process of getting it transitioned into the Department Name.

v. Staff Update

1. Birthdays
 - a. Dan Green
 - b. Sean Minniss
2. Years of Service
 - a. NA
3. Working on hiring 3 more reserves
 - a. One is an RN talking about doing a 2-week accelerated EMT Program
 - b. Two Responders

B. Awards & Recognition

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

4. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i.** Minutes for April 22, 2026

Motion: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 3/3

B. Budget

- i.** Adoption of the final 2026 – 2027 Fiscal Year Budget

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 3/3

6. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

7. Adjournment

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 3/3

This Meeting Adjourned at: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter