



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

July 24th, 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 **Thursday July 24, 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 Steve Stevens, Member Frank Church, Member Janel Croy, and Member Mark Essary

Board Absent: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Staff Present: Chief C. Lecher, FF C. Cameron, and FF J. Yungkans

Public Present: Sherri Church, and Jerry Croy

Zoom: Ron Sattelmaier & Ilyas Sekandari

B. Salute To The Flag Of The United States

Pledge of Allegiance, Led by All in Attendance

2. Financial Report's:

A. Financial Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer-Clowes (JVG)

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

B. Reconciliation Report

i. Given By: Ben Archer-Clowes (JVG)

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

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 – 29
 - a. EMS – 9
 - b. Special Duty – 19
 - i. Illegal Fire's, Citizen Assist, Lost Property, Welfare Check, Lift Assist, Hamat, Missing Person's, and Lock Out
 - c. Still Alarm – 1
 - i. Brush Fire
2. Total Calls Year to Date 98

ii. General

1. Kitchen and ADA Bathroom remodel is still ongoing.
 - a. Rough Inspection was called July 14th and PASSED
 - b. Insulation competed and inspection was called July 22nd and PASSED
 - c. Dry Wall in the process then will call for inspection.
2. ISO reevaluation of the district. Nothing new to report.
3. BR 713 assisted PFD with Fourth of July Fireworks with a 4-man crew.

iii. Equipment Update

1. BC 7 (New F-150) has temporary lights & siren.
2. BR 713 mechanical repairs are still ongoing, and communications repairs are in the works.
3. GRIC Grant – Nothing new to report
4. Fire House Subs Grant was submitted July 10th for a new side-by-side
5. Ice Storage Freezer waiting on parts to be fixed
 - a. Repairs to fix freezers are being halted and discussion was made to investigate new outdoors freezers.
 - b. It was asked to be put on Agenda for next meeting for discussion/possible action to surplus freezers.
6. WT 71 needs rear dump replaced.
 - a. Waiting on taxes to come in to repair

iv. Staff Update

1. July Years of Service:
 - a. D. Perez – 1 Year
 - b. B. French – 1 Year
 - c. M. Lynch – 1 Year

v. Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Review

1. Hiring new Firefighter's with EMT & Paramedic Certification
 - a. Up to 19 Employees (18 of which are Medically Certified)
2. New/Updated Uniforms and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
3. Double Staffing Fridays through Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day
4. Remodel of Station 71 with new ADA bathroom and kitchen (Still on going)
5. Gracie Lee Haught foundation helped replace AED Pads & Batteries in all units placed throughout the district
6. Brought all Apparatus's back to mechanical standards and pump testing
7. Wildland agreement signed and updated to allow the district to bill for wildland responses.
8. AZ State Lands Type 3 long term lease for new first out truck
9. Radio update to BK's for integration with wildland responses funded by Gila County.

- 10.** Purchase of a New 2024 Ford F-150 for Command Vehicle BC-7 with the help of a yearly payment of \$5,000 from the WWFMD Sparks Aux.
- 11.** Placing over \$200,000 into Capital Reserves and will continue to be conservative to build on those funds.
- 12.** Donations Received:
 - a. New Central Air from AccuTemp
 - b. Station Update from Home Depot
 - c. 3 Tahoe's from Bisbee PD
 - d. New Chief Truck purchased by WWFMD Sparks
 - e. \$25,000 Private Donation
 - f. Lights & Station Supplies from Southwest Emergency Products
 - g. Lights for New F-150 from Code 3
 - h. Camper Shell, Brush Guard & Winch for New F-150 from Weston
 - i. Southwest Contracting, Layton Electric & Jons Yard Service for there help with the remodel.
 - j. 500 Gallon Water Tank & Extrication Tools from PSFD
 - k. Big Wheel & BK Radio from Board Member Frank Church
 - l. Grant Application Assistance from Retired Chief Morey Morris

B. Awards & Recognition

- i.** Given By: Chief C. Lecher in 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 June 19, 2025

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

6. Public Forum

No public comment was made at this time

7. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman Steve Stevens

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/0

This Meeting Adjourned at: 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter