



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

August 27, 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 August 27, 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, Member Frank Church, Member Janel Croy, Member Mark Essary

Staff Present: Fire Chief C. Lecher, FF Cameron, FF Ciccolini

Public Present: Jerry Croy, Sherri Church

Zoom: Steven Rodriguez

Board Absent: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

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 (James Vincet Group)

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

B. Reconciliation Report

- i. Given By: Steven Rodriguez (James Vincent Group)

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

i. WWFMD Response

1. Total Calls for Service – 31

a. EMS – 13

b. Special Duty – 17

i. Stranded Motorist, Lift Assist, GCSO Assist W/Fire, Snake removal, Water Leak & Illegal Burn

c. Still Alarm – 0

d. First Alarm – 1

i. Brush Fire FS 32

e. 2026 YTD – 115

ii. General

1. ISO reevaluation preformed

a. We are now 6/10

2. A Grant has been submitted to Mogollon Health for help purchasing a LUCAS Device

3. The District has been accepting donations for a New Double Sided LED Marquee/Billboard.

a. Currently have received \$10,959.00 in donations for this project.

b. Will be used for important district information (i.e., Board Meetings, Auxiliary Events, Fire Restriction, Brush Pit, etc..)

4. Gila County Chief's continue to work out issues/concerns on the Mutual Aid Agreement

5. Water Wheel & Hellsgate Fire are working on a NEW Response Plan for Control Rd and the Communities which reside in that area (ex. Tonto Village, Ellison Creek Summer Homes, Pyle Ranch)

6. Administrative crews are working with First Due to get electronic timecards, truck checks, medical supplies, and other instrumental check lists built and implemented.

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 has completed the installation of the new water heater and water filtration system.

b. Plumber must install drain hole for Hot Water Heater for the Catch Basin

c. 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. Went to Pride Outfitting and had a Bed Slide installed and Headlight Flashers Installed

- b. Will be going back to Waltz for warranty work on Emergency Lights
- v. Staff Update
 - 1. Birthday's:
 - a. Chief Cris Lecher
 - b. Captain Tyler Hamilton
 - c. Mark Lynch
 - d. Leslie Knapp
 - 2. Years of Service Celebration:
 - a. NA

B. Awards & Recognition

- i. Given By: Chief C. Lecher in Chiefs Report

4. Public Forum

Public Attending Wished Chief Lecher and Captain Hamilton a Happy Birthday

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i. Minutes for July 30, 2026

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

6. New Business

A. Financial Investment

- i. Discuss Possibilities of Investing District Money

Motion: To Table Til Next Meeting By Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

7. Public Forum

No Public Comment Made At This Time

8. Adjournment

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

This Meeting Adjourned at: 6:32 - PM

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter