Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

October 22, 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 Board Member Janel Croy at **6:00**- PM on **Thursday October 22, 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: Member Janel Croy, Member Frank Church, Member Mark Essary
Staff Present: Fire Chief C. Lecher, Capt. Hamilton, EMT Cameron, EMT Cheatham
Public Present: Sherri Church, Jerry Croy
Zoom: Ben Archer-Clowes (JVG), Ron Sattelmaier

Board Late: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell, Chairman Steve Stevens

B. Salute To The Flag Of The United States

Pledge of Allegiance, Led by All in Attendance

2. Reports & Correspondence

A. Financial Report August 2026

i. Given By: Ben Archer-Clowes

Motion: Clerk G. Caldwell **TABLED** Financial Statement & **MOTIONED** to move to a Cash Bases instead of an Accrual Bases. He wants to see the Financial Statements reflecting the Cash Bases prior to acceptance.
Motion Seconded: Member F. Church
Motion Carried: 4/0

B. 1. Financial Report September 2026

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2. Reconciliation Report

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

Motion: Clerk G. Caldwell to **ACCEPT**
Motion Seconded: Member F. Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

- **i.** WWFMD Response
  1. Total Calls For Service – 6
  2. EMS – 5
  3. Special Duty – 1
     a. Canine Rescue (Stuck In Culvert Pipe)
  4. Still Alarm – 0
  5. First Alarm – 0
  6. 2026 Year To Date – 133
- **ii.** General
  1. District Emails pertaining to open meeting laws. (Review ONLY)
  2. The Local Fire Departments & Districts are working on a Regional Type 3 HazMat Team
     a. Water Wheel Fire & Medical as agreed to participate.
- **iii.** Sparks Auxiliary
  1. LUCAS Device Fundraiser
     a. The WWFMD Sparks Auxiliary has been able to raise a total of $13,966 so far.
        i. Breakdown Made From Events (NET):
           1. Taco Dinner - $1,042
           2. Annual Rumage Sale - $3,333
           3. September pancake Breakfast - $1,140
           4. Lucky Ducky Raffle - $220
           5. Random Donation - $100
           6. October Pancake Breakfast $1,133
           7. Elks Club - $2,000
           8. Mogollon Health Alliance - $5,000
     b. Sparks Auxiliary is still accepting sign-ups for the Chili & Salsa Cook Off.
        i. Email Mindy Russell at SparksAuxiliary@wwfmd.us to sign up.
- **iv.** Equipment Update
  1. Water Tender 72
     a. Waiting for Exhaust Break to be installed
  2. Water Tender 71
     a. Is out of service due to a crack in the water tank after responding to a fire in Pine.
     b. Contact with the welder has been made and the truck is scheduled for repairs next week.
  3. Battalion 7
     a. Is back but still has a few bugs that need to be worked out.
  4. Engine 71

a. Is at Freedom Outfitting for repairs due to the water tank having a major leak. The tank will not be covered under warranty. FTS is giving us a bid to fix it.
b. We will also rebuild the valves while the tank is removed along with the rubber hoses.

5. Chief 7
a. The Ram is back down at Freedom Outfitting getting some touch up work completed.

v. Staff Update
1. Birthday's
a. Slade Conway
b. Andrew Farrer
2. Year's of Service Celebration
a. 11 Years
i. Captain Tyler Hamiton
b. 1 Year
i. Jason Gilmore

B. Awards & Recognition

i. Given By: Chief C. Lecher

Given in the Chiefs Report

4. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

i. Minutes for September 24, 2026

Motion: Chairman S. Stevens To **ACCEPT**
Motion Seconded: Member F. Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

6. New Business

A. November & December Board Meetings

i. November Meeting to be moved to Wednesday November 25, 2026

Motion: Chairman S. Stevens **MOTIONED** to move the November Meeting to November 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Motion Second: Member F. Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

i. December Meeting to be moved to Thursday December 17, 2026

Motion: Chairman S. Stevens **MOTIONED** to move the December Meeting to December 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Motion Second: Member F. Church
Motion Carried: 5/0

7. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

8. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman S. Steven
Motion Seconded: Member M. Essary
Motion Carried: 5/0

This Meeting Adjourned at Approximately: 7:15 pm
Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter