



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

April 24, 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 **Clerk Geoffery Caldwell** at 6:03 - PM on Thursday, - **April 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: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell, Member Mark Essary, Member Frank Church, Member Janel Croy

Board Absent: Chairman Steve Stevens

Staff Present: Fire Chief C. Lecher, Engineer M. Meacham, Firefighter J. Collins, Firefighter T. Cheatham

Public Present: Barb Cheatham, Sherri Church, Mindy Russel, Lori Collins, Jerry Croy

Zoom: Angie Lecher

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 from James Vincent Group

Motion: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/o

B. Reconciliation Report

- i. Given By: Ben James Vincent Group

Motion: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/o

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief Cris Lecher discussed the following topics:

- i.** WWFMD Response for the month of March Total Calls 9:
 1. Chief Assignment – 1
 2. EMS – 2
 3. Special Duty – 3
 4. First Alarm – 1 (PSFD)
 5. Still Alarm – 2
 6. Year to Date Calls - 39
- ii.** General Update
 1. Remodel as progressed, hopeful to call for inspection in the next 2 weeks possibly.
 2. Budget Planning with JVG (James Vincent Group) for the 25-26 Budget year has been completed. Scheduled to discuss later in the meeting.
 3. IT started Networking and has been working on all Staff and Board Emails. The new computers that were approved last meeting are in and they are working on setting them up. Scheduled to install next week (Wednesday 5/10/25).
 4. ISO reevaluation has been set for May 20th.
 5. May board Meeting to be moved up one day to May 21st due to family.
- iii.** Equipment Update
 1. BR 713 has been repaired, and badging is to be completed in the next couple weeks.
 2. WT 71 needs rear dump replaced before end of fiscal year.
 3. Grant application to GRIC has been submitted. Nothing new to be reported.
 4. BC 7 F350 needs major repairs in excess of \$6,000 or more. Option to be discussed later in Meeting.
- iv.** Staff Update
 1. Double Staffing to start in May during the weekends.
 2. Double Staffing may be used during holidays and special events.
- v.** Legislation Update
 1. HB2456 - Appropriation; fire incident management grants..
 2. HB2927 - Public meetings; records; requirements; penalties
 3. SB1285 - Appropriation; wildfire readiness and response

B. Awards & Recognition

- i.** Given By: Chief Cris Lecher
 1. April Birthdays:
 - a. Brandon French & Crystal Cameron
 2. April Years of Service:
 - a. Crystal Cameron 8 years

4. Public Forum

- Firefighter T. Cheatham (Fulltime resident of Whispering Pine) expressed “how important he believes it is to be for the staff to have a reliable truck to respond to calls when residence call 911. We have maintenance issues and maintenance budget problems. Somehow. Maybe we could put some of that to rest by getting something that we're not constantly spending maintenance on.”
- Mindy Russel President of the Women’s Auxiliary stated they just had their first Pancake Breakfast of 2025 on April 12th and it was very successful. Typically seat around 100 ppl, less for the first breakfast. They estimated approximately 150 ppl went through that Saturday.

5. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i.** Minutes for March 27th Meeting

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

B. Policy Update

- i.** Given By: Chief Cris Lecher
 - a.** Uniform, Grooming & Cellphone Stipend Policy

Motion: Member Mark Essary

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

C. Audit Review

- i.** A copy of the Audit was provided at the last meeting when tabled.

Motion: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

6. New Business

A. 25-26 Budget Review

- i.** Given By: Ben James Vincet Group
- ii.** Tentatively Adopted

Motion: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/0

B. New Staff Vehicle

- i.** Given By: Chief Cris Lecher

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/0

7. Public Forum

No one from the Public spoke at this time

8. Adjournment

Motion: Clerk Geoffery Caldwell

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/0

This Meeting Adjourned at: 7:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/Firefighter