



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA – FOR POSTING**



The Board of the Forest Lakes Fire District will meet in regular session on March 21, 2024 at 9:30 am. Due to the threat of inclement weather, board members will participate via video conference using Microsoft Teams. Board members will receive a meeting invite via Outlook. Chief Rodriguez will be at the Forest Lakes Fire District Office, 1508 North Merzville Rd., Forest Lakes, Arizona for members of the public who wish to attend in person. The meeting room will be available to the public via the south side Administration entrance at 9:00 am. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items except those noted are set for possible action.

- 1 CALL TO ORDER. (John Hennessey)
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- 3 ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS. (John Hennessey, Dennis Massion, Israel Torres, Julie Swanson and Pete Batschelet)
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ACTIVITY REPORT (John)
- 5 CALL TO THE PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Consideration and discussion of comments from the public prior to the board taking action. Note: Comments may be limited to 3 minutes. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.
- 6 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (John)
- 7 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024. (Pete)
- 8 BUSINESS.
 - a. Motion and Possible Action re: Annual Audit Review. (John/ATLAS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC)
 - b. Motion and Possible Action re: Approval of Changes to ODS Compensation per Recommendation of the Finance Committee. (Pete/Dave)
 - c. Motion and Possible Action re: ODS Mileage Reimbursement Reference Price Check Methodology. Note: This agenda item refers to the board approved policy of August 20, 2022, and may be superseded by the board action of agenda item 8b. That determination will be made at this time in the agenda, with adjustments made accordingly, including a summary for the record.
 - a. Establish a Consistent Methodology for Setting the Reference Price per Gallon for ODS Reimbursement Using the August 20, 2022 Board Approved Rate Table (Attached.) Note: 2024 IRS mileage rate is 67.0 cents per mile. (Pete/Dave)



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Average Cost of Fuel per Gallon in Maricopa County	ODS Mileage Rebate, Cents per Mile, One Way Travel
\$4.00 and above	62.5
\$3.50 to \$3.99	50.0
\$3.00 to \$3.49	25
\$3.00 and below	0

- b. Establish Reimbursement Rate for the Next Month. (John)
 - d. Finance Committee Update, Including the FY24/25 Budget Preparation Process. (Pete)
 - e. Status Update re: Pursuit of a Grant Opportunity from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) to Construct a Multi-Purpose Support Building, Including Housing for the FEL. (John Nelson/Dave)
 - f. Motion and Possible Action to Approve 2023 STRAP Document and One Page Summary for Publication. (John)
 - g. Status Update re: Grant Activities. (John Nelson)
 - h. Status Update re: Governmental Advocacy Committee. (Israel)
 - i. Status Update re: EMS Receivables and Call Volume Report. (Dave)
- 9 FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT. (Chief Rodriquez)
- 10 CALL TO THE PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Consideration and discussion of comments from the public after the board takes action. Note: Comments may be limited to 3 minutes. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.
- 11 FIRE BOARD COMMENTS. Board members may identify issues they would like placed on a future agenda but may not propose action or express their opinions on such items.
[NOTE to those in attendance: The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised or proposed for a future meeting due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.]
- 12 ADJOURNMENT.