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In accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby provided to members of the Alpine Fire District and the general public that a public meeting will be convened at the Alpine Fire Station on the date specified within this notice. The District Board may enter into executive session regarding any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), for the purpose of obtaining legal counsel from the district's attorney or addressing matters detailed within the agenda. Participation by teleconference is permitted for District Board members and other attendees. The topics listed below, along with any related variables, are subject to review, discussion, approval, or other action by the Board. All items are scheduled for potential action.

MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT STATION 1 – ALPINE

#42688 HWY 180

ALPINE, AZ 85920

DATE POSTED: August 20, 2026

POSTED BY: FIRE CHIEF TRAVIS NOTH for the Board.

The meeting room will be accessible to the public at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL 8:30 A.M.

MINUTES – For the August 19, 2026, ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.

Present: Board Members Linda Fite, Kathy Given, Dow Waite, Tom White, and Tony Pellegrino.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of August 19, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

**Member Pellegrino moved to approve the August 19, 2026, Regular Meeting agenda.
Treasurer Waite seconded. Approved.**

5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of the July 8, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting and Open Hearing on FY 27 Budget Minutes.

Clerk Fite moved to approve the July 8, 2026, Open Hearing on the FY 27 Budget and Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. Member Given seconded. Approved.

6. **Public Comment Invitation:** A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Individual's wishing to address the Board must complete a Request to Speak Form before the meeting begins. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to present their remarks to the Board.

NONE.

Monthly Reports from Officers and Committees.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Alpine Fire District Monthly Financial Report.

Treasurer Waite reported the following:

The FY 26 closeout report was presented.

(FY 26) AFD Warrant Account:	-83,566.57
(FY 26) AFD BMO Account:	248,118.76
(FY 26) Total:	154,552.19

The FY 27 current report was presented.

AFD Warrant Account:	-53,225
AFD BMO Account:	99,085.41
Total:	45,859.48

FY 26 closed with a strong BMO account balance. On July 29, \$250,000 was transferred from BMO to the county warrant account; as of August 15, the transfer had not appeared in the warrant account registry. A review of the FY 26 budget showed spending was consistent with budgeted amounts. Current FY 27 figures are typical for this time of year, as income and expenses often do not align until tax collections begin. Statewide funding discussions are also underway following Puerco Valley Fire District's bankruptcy filing. The state has required Apache County to allocate part of its proposed FY 27 budget to keep that district operating, while AFDA and AFCA are seeking legislative funding options for fire districts that do not place additional costs on the existing tax base. This issue is expected to remain a significant topic after this year's elections. Member Pellegrino moved to accept the financial report, and Clerk Fite seconded. Approved.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Alpine Fire District Monthly Operational Report.
Emergency/Non-Emergency Responses for the Month of July 2026.

☼ Total Responses: 78

2026 Wildland Resource Response Status:

☼ California Task Force: Paid.

☼ A-S Task Force: Paid.

☼ Pocket Fire: Paid.

☼ Pocket Fire (2): Paid.

☼ Oregon Task Force: *Pending.*

2026 Rural EMS/Rescue Fund Status:

☼ AFD 2026-001: Paid — Forest Road 249.

☼ AFD 2026-002: *Denied* — KP Trailhead.

☼ AFD 2026-003: Paid — Forest Road 249/276.

☼ AFD 2026-004: Paid -- Forest Road 8844.

2026 Out of District Fire Billing:

Grants:

☼ Vehicle and Equipment Requests:

- A grant application was submitted to the Gila River Indian Community for a new Command/Chase Vehicle. *Denied.*
- A grant application was submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for extrication equipment.

☼ Approved Funding:

- Funding for the new Rescue Unit has been approved. The project remains on hold until the fire district's portion of the funding is available to begin work.

☼ Wildland and Firefighter Support:

- An Assistance to Firefighters Grant application was submitted for a replacement SCBA fill station.

Miscellaneous.

☼ E-1831, E-1841, and T-1837 completed and passed pump testing, as required to maintain our ISO rating.

☼ The Burn Permit program has been successful, with 23 permits issued to date.

Treasurer Waite made a motion to accept the operational report, and Member Given seconded the motion. **Approved.**

9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Alpine Fire District Monthly Board Report.
Chairman White asked whether fireworks were planned for Labor Day weekend. Chief Noth stated they were not planned at this time. **Discussion only.**

OLD BUSINESS.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Alpine East and Greenlee County Annexation Project.

Cheryl Thurman presented the final annexation boundary map and reported that the legal description is complete, pending official review and project stamp. Once approved, AFD can schedule a Blue River community meeting and launch a boxholder campaign to promote the project. Member Pellegrino moved to accept the presentation, and Treasurer Waite seconded. **Approved.**

NEW BUSINESS.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Engagement Letter from SC Audit and Accounting Solutions.
Clerk Fite moved to accept the engagement letter from SC Audit and Accounting, and Member Pellegrino seconded. Approved.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Apache County Elections.
Chief Noth presented the Board with issues that had arisen in this year's general election process. The estimated election cost is \$1,832. With four candidates for three positions, AFD must hold an election. Some issues will require assistance from the fire district's attorney. Treasurer Waite moved to accept the elections update, and Member Pellegrino seconded. Approved.
13. **Discussion Only:** Candidate list for the General Election.
General Election candidates: Dow Waite, Linda Fite, and Kathy Given, each a current Board Member; and Chris Corker.
14. **Discussion:** Educational Agreement Policy (1st Read)
Chief Noth reviewed proposed revisions to AFD's education assistance process. Discussion only.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Confirm Date and Time of the September meeting.
Member Given made a motion for September 16, 2026 @ 8:30 AM and Treasurer Waite seconded. Approved.
16. **Discussion Only:** Consideration of Agenda Items for the September meeting.
- Education Agreement info.
 - Annexation.
 - Elections.
 - Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**
Treasurer Waite moved to adjourn, and Member Pellegrino seconded. The motion was approved at 10:04 AM.

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