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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

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ALPINE, AZ 85920

DATE POSTED: September 17, 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 September 16, 2026, ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

At 8:30 AM, Chairman White called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Clerk Fite led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.

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

4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of September 16, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

Member Pellegrino moved to approve the September 16, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda. Treasurer Waite seconded the motion, which was approved.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of the Augst 19, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

Clerk Fite moved to approve the August 19, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Member Given seconded the motion, which was 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.

Kay Ramsey submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form. She thanked the three current Board members seeking reelection—Dow Waite, Linda Fite, and Kathy Given—and praised the Board's effective collaboration and commitment to the community.

Monthly Reports from Officers and Committees.

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

Treasurer Waite reported the following:

AFD received the Apache County journal reports late Tuesday evening, so a reconciled financial report was not available for Board review. To offset warrant account expenses, \$150,000 was transferred from BMO to the warrant account in anticipation of payment by the end of September for AFD's recent California wildland assignment. Spending remains normal for this time of year, and the increase in payroll reflects higher AFD call volume over the past three months. Approval of the September finances was deferred to the October meeting. Member Pellegrino moved to accept the financial report, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine Fire District Monthly Operational Report.

Chief Noth gave a report on the following:

Emergency/Non-Emergency Responses for the Month of August 2026

✿ **Total Responses: 44**

2026 Wildland Resource Response Status:

✿ **California Task Force (1): Paid.**

✿ **A-S Task Force: Paid.**

✿ **Pocket Fire: Paid.**

✿ **Pocket Fire (2): Paid.**

✿ **Oregon Task Force: Paid.**

✿ **California Task Force (2): *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.**

✿ **AFD 2026-005: *Pending* — Forest Road 25**

2026 Out of District Fire Billing:

Grants:

✿ **Vehicle and Equipment Requests:**

- A grant application was submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for extrication equipment. **Successful!!!**

✿ **Approved Funding:**

- Funding for the new Rescue Unit has been approved. Work will begin October 5, 2026.

✿ **Wildland and Firefighter Support:**

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

Miscellaneous.

✿ **Our annual Labor Day Weekend Bake Sale went very well, we raised \$10,956.**

✿ **The summer raffle ended on Labor Day weekend, and all the prizes were distributed. The only raffle left is the pig raffle and we will be doing it on September 19 following the chili cookoff. Member Waite made a motion to approve the operational report, and Member Given seconded the motion. Approved.**

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine Fire District Monthly Board Report.

Chairman White reported that BMO had contacted him to ask whether AFD planned to open a savings account. This item was for information only, and no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS.

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

Member Pellegrino moved to table the item, and Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action:** 11th Annual Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony.
Celina Gonzales presented the program for the 11th Annual Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony, scheduled for October 3. She announced that the start time had changed from 11:00 AM to 10:00 AM and that pizza and refreshments would be served afterward. Treasurer Waite moved to approve and support the ceremony, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
12. **Discussion:** Apache County Elections.
No Updates.
13. **Discussion Only:** Arizona Fire District Association Operational Impact Survey.
Chief Noth presented an overview of the Arizona Fire District Association's ongoing Operational Impact Survey, which is intended to gather data supporting the funding needs of Arizona fire districts. He will share the results with the Board once the survey is complete and the data is available for review. Discussion only.
14. **Discussion:** Educational Agreement Policy (2nd Read).
2nd read. No action taken.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Confirm Date and Time of the October meeting.
Member Pellegrino moved to hold the next meeting at 8:30 AM on October 21, 2026, at Alpine Fire Station 1. Member Given seconded the motion, which was approved.
16. **Discussion Only:** Consideration of Agenda Items for the October meeting.
Annexation
Education
AFDA Conference
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**
Clerk Fite moved to adjourn, and Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM.

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