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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: April 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 April 15, 2026 ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting commenced at 8:30 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chief Noth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.

The following board members were present: Tom White, Tony Pellegrino, Linda Fite, Joe Warne, and Dow Waite.

4. D/A: APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Clerk Fite moved to approve the agenda, and Member Pellegrino seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

5. D/A: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 18, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

Member Pellegrino moved to approve the March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Clerk Fite. Motion approved.

6. **Public Comment Invitation:** This portion of the meeting is designated for public input. Board members are unable to discuss topics that are not specifically listed on the agenda. In accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), any action resulting from public comments will be limited to directing staff to further examine the issue, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for subsequent review and decision. Individuals 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.

7. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

➤ **FY 27 Budget Committee Preliminary Discussion.**

Chief Noth provided a budget levy worksheet delineating the projected figures without levy modifications, as well as those with a modest levy adjustment.

8. **D/A: FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Treasurer Waite presented the following financial report:

AFD Warrant Account: \$-2,342.28

AFD BMO Bank: \$91,016.26

Total: \$88,673.98

During the past two months, the only income received was about \$30,000, whereas payroll and insurance expenses exceeded \$100,000. Even though this higher spending may seem significant, it is normal for this time of year and has been accounted for in our financial planning. Unlike last year, our wildland income at this point is much lower. However, we expect to receive additional revenue soon from the second half of levy taxes and FDAT. To ensure a sufficient carry-forward amount, future spending will be restricted to essential needs. There may also be consideration given to transferring funds from BMO to National Bank within the next several months. Member Pellegrino moved to approve the Financial Report, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. **D/A: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT.**

Chief Noth reported:

- **21 responses occurred in March.**
- **A grant request for a Command/Chase Truck was submitted to the Gila River Indian Community.**
- **Alpine Fire District received \$250,000 from the Burt Martin Foundation to purchase new communications equipment.**
- **Congressionally Directed Spending funds are expected by late April, which will enable the start of the Rescue Truck project.**
- **A grant application for upgraded extrication equipment was filed with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.**
- **Community Wildfire Meetings had strong attendance and provided valuable information.**
- **DOT inspections on apparatus are nearly complete. Member Waite moved to accept the Chief's Report; Member Fite seconded. Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS.

10. Discussion: DPS/Alpine Fire District Communications Site Transfer.

Following additional review, a decision regarding the continuation of this project will be made at the May meeting.

11. Discussion: Annexation Procedures Progress.

No updates.

NEW BUSINESS.

12. D/A: Alpine Fire District Open Burning Permit Agreement with ADEQ.

After the required 30-day comment period, AFD has not yet received the permit for review and approval. Member Pellegrino moved to table the item, and Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

13. D/A: Board Matters.

Notice of Executive Session.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)

1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, discipline or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body, except for salary discussions, an officer, appointee, or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee, or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee, or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

- 9:16 Member Pellegrino moved to recess the regular meeting, with Clerk Fite seconding. The motion was approved.
- 9:17 Treasurer Waite proposed entering the executive session, seconded by Clerk Fite. Approved.
- 9:21 Clerk Fite moved to exit the executive session, with Treasurer Waite seconding. The motion was approved.
- 9:22 Clerk Fite proposed reconvening the regular meeting, seconded by Treasurer Waite. Approved.

14. D/A: Resignation of Board Member Joe Warne.

Member Pellegrino moved to confirm and accept Board Member Joe Warne's resignation, which was seconded by Clerk Fite. The motion was approved.

15. D/A: SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE MAY MEETING.

Treasurer Waite moved for May 20, 2026, 8:30 AM; Clerk Fite seconded. Approved.

16. Discussion: ESTABLISH AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY MEETING.

- **Budget**
- **Annexation**
- **Communications Site**
- **ADEQ Burn Permit**
- **Appointment of a Board Member**

17. Board Member Comments:

Board Member Joe Warne concluded his service with the Alpine Fire District after a distinguished tenure as an engineer and subsequent membership on the fire board following his retirement from AFD. The board acknowledged Mr. Warne's significant contributions and extended their best wishes upon his departure.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Member Pellegrino moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Waite and subsequently approved. Adjournment occurred at 9:25 AM.

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