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Alpine Fire District

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 February 18, 2026 ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**
   The meeting began promptly at 8:30 AM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
   Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.**
   Present at the meeting were board members Joe Warne, Dow Waite, Tom White, and Tony Pellegrino.

4. **D/A: APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**
   A motion to approve the agenda was made by Treasurer Waite and seconded by Member Pellegrino. The motion was approved.

5. **D/A: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 21, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.**
   Treasurer Waite moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026, and Member Pellegrino seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

6. **<u>Public Comment Invitation:</u>** 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:**

8. **<u>D/A:</u> <u>FINANCIAL REPORT.</u>**
   Treasurer Waite presented a report covering these points:

AFD Warrant Account:	**$187,860.52**
AFD BMO Account:	**$85,234.41**
Total Checking/Savings:	**$273,094.93**

   With just over four months remaining in the FY 26 Budget, both income and expenses are still consistent with the planned budget categories. By the end of June, we expect to meet our projected carry-forward amount. Despite the payment for the new Command vehicle, the BMO Account continues to show a strong balance. The second half of tax notices will be sent out soon, which should result in a final increase in collections by late May or June. Member Pellegrino moved to approve the Financial Report, which was seconded by Member Warne. The motion passed.

9. **<u>D/A:</u> <u>FIRE CHIEFS REPORT.</u>**
   Chief Noth's Report:

- **25 responses in January; no billing to report.**
- **Gila River Indian Community Grant submitted.**
- **Awaiting Burt Martin Foundation notification (around March 17) regarding communications equipment funding.**
- **All documents for Congressionally Directed Spending Funding submitted; pending review before purchasing rescue truck equipment.**
- **Waiting for DFFM-ARPA funding to open and guidelines to be released.**
- **Wildland refresher courses completed; pack tests starting soon.**
- **Two Community Wildfire Preparedness Meetings planned for the third week of March, following last year's positive response and this season's low moisture.**

Treasurer Waite moved to approve the Chief's Report; Member Warne seconded. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

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

    It was determined that the USFS had not received our application for the communications site transfer. The application was originally submitted in August 2025, but was only recently identified as missing. After several unsuccessful electronic submissions to Eric Campbell, Chief Noth delivered a hard copy to the front desk and requested that it be hand delivered to Mr. Campbell.

11. Discussion: Annexation Project.

    Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS.

12. D/A: Presentation of the FY25 District Financial Audit.

    Kay Green participated in the meeting via Teams and presented the FY 25 Financial Audit to the board. She began by noting that the district had complied with all financial audit guidelines, and no discrepancies were found during the audit process. Kay highlighted that district debt is almost paid off, with only the SCBA/Pumper loan and Station 2 loan remaining. The district took on no additional debt in the past year. She pointed out that payroll and employee benefits increased but stayed within budget limits. Kay commended the district's internal controls and consistently provided recommendations for future audits. Treasurer Waite moved to approve Kay Green's FY 25 Financial Audit presentation, which was seconded by Member Pellegrino. The motion was approved.

13. D/A: Appointment of FY 27 Budget Committee.

    Treasurer Waite moved to approve last year's budget committee; Member Pellegrino seconded. Approved.

14. Discussion: 2026 Fire District Levy Limit Worksheet.

    Chief Noth distributed the 2026 Fire District Levy Worksheets and noted an increase of over 5% in the district's assessed value.

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

    The board evaluated the benefits of establishing an agreement with ADEQ to authorize open burning permits. Chief Noth indicated that this partnership would enhance accountability regarding debris fires within the district. Treasurer Waite moved to enter into an agreement with ADEQ for issuing burning permits, seconded by Member Warne. The motion was approved.

16. D/A: Resolution # AFD 2026-001 Alpine Fire District Fee Schedule.
    Member Pellegrino moved to approve Resolution #2026-001 AFD Fee Schedule, and the motion was seconded by Treasurer Waite. The resolution was approved.

17. D/A: SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE MARCH MEETING.
    Treasurer Waite proposed March 18, 2026, at 8:30 AM as the meeting date, which was seconded by Member Pellegrino. The motion was approved.

18. Discussion: ESTABLISH AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH MEETING.
    - **Annexation Presentation**
    - **Az State Legislation Updates**
    - **Preliminary Budget**

19. Board Member Comments:
    None.

20. ADJOURNMENT.

Treasurer Waite moved to adjourn the meeting, and Member Warne seconded the motion. The meeting was approved to adjourn at 9:16 AM.

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