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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Alpine Fire District and to the general public that the Alpine Fire District will hold a meeting open to the public on the date mentioned in this notice at the Alpine Fire Station. The District Board may go into executive on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice with the district's attorney or matters as set forth in the agenda item. The District Board or other participants may attend by teleconference. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to the Boards consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible 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 of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Alpine Fire District Held on January 21, 2026

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
   Chairman White presided over the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.**
   The following board members were present: Tony Pellegrino, Linda Fite, Joe Warne, Dow Waite, and Tom White.

4. **D/A: APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**
   Member Pellegrino moved to approve the agenda and place item #17 after the Fire Chief's Report; Clerk Fite seconded. Motion approved.

5. **D/A: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.**
   A motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2025, was made by Member Pellegrino and seconded by Treasurer Waite. The motion was approved.

6. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R. S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Any persons wishing to address the board must fill out a Request to Speak Form prior to the start of the meeting. The speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the board.

   No one else was present; only Kay Ramsey attended.

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

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

   Treasurer Waite gave a report:

   - BMO Account: $81,838.38

   - AFD Warrant Account: $145,854.86

   - Total: $227,693.24

   Treasurer Waite reviewed the monthly statements and tax collection rates, noting that income and expenses are in line with projections. The financial packets included December's reconciliation and January's updated numbers. Clerk Fite moved to approve both; Member Warne seconded. Motion approved.

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

   Chief Noth presented the following report:

   - There was a total of 18 responses recorded for the month of December.

   - For the 2025 season, 7 wildland resource responses were completed.

   - Federal EMS resources responded to 9 calls during the 2025 season.

   - One out-of-district fire response invoice was processed for the 2025 season.

   - Progress on the Homeland Security Grant remains halted due to the ongoing government shutdown.

   - A funding request has been submitted to the Burt M Martin Foundation to support a comprehensive communications upgrade for the district.

   - The USDA Rural Development Congressionally Directed Spending request, intended for the upgrade of the district's rescue unit, is nearing completion. Staff at USDA have provided excellent cooperation and assistance throughout this process.

   - Work continues on the Gila River Indian Community Grant application, which will be submitted in February to fund a new command unit.

   - The DFFM-ARPA Grant application period will open soon; we intend to apply for a new UTV equipped with fire and rescue capabilities.

   - The FY 25 Audit has been completed and will be presented for review at the February meeting.

   Member Pellegrino moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report, with Clerk Fite seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

10. Discussion: Annexation Project
Annexation documents will be reviewed at the February meeting. Discussion only.

11. Discussion: DPS/Alpine Fire District Communications Site Transfer.
US Forest Service has not processed our application. Discussion only.

12. Discussion: Alpine Fire District Open Burning Permit.
Sent to legal for review—discussion only.

NEW BUSINESS.

13. Discussion: AFDA Winter Conference Attendance.
All participants at the conference had the opportunity to attend a range of sessions and engage in networking with representatives from other districts. The Arizona Fire Districts Association Conference once again emphasized seasonal outlooks and best practices as central themes. For discussion purposes only.

14. Discussion: Financial Obligations Report.
Chief Noth presented the board with an update on the district's debt status. The district is scheduled to complete repayment of the structure engine and SCBAs loan by February 2027. The payment for Alpine Station 2 will be finished by June 2028. This was for discussion only.

15. D/A: 2025 Response Statistics.
Chief Noth presented the AFD Response Statistics for Calendar Year 2025.
   - A total of 346 responses were recorded.
   - Overall call volume decreased by 2.31% compared to the previous year.
   - Response times increased by 17.67%.
   - Training hours rose by 37.69%.
   - Incident hours grew by 27.63%.
   - An uptick in calls was observed between 5:00 AM and 7:00 AM.
   - Call volume remained consistent throughout all days of the week.
   - May through November continued to be the busiest period; however, January 2025 reflected activity levels typically seen during summer months.
   - Fire response operations increased significantly in 2025, with 124 operational periods.

Member Pellegrino moved to accept the 2025 Response Statistics, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

16. D/A: Acceptance of the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request.

Chief Noth presented to the board:

This agenda item seeks board approval for the Alpine Fire District to accept the FY 26 USDA Rural Development Congressional Directed Spending Request and to acknowledge the district's associated financial responsibility. On August 1, 2025, the U.S. Senate approved a package of appropriations bills, including the Agriculture and Rural Development bill, which provided $140,000 in funding for the Alpine Fire District Emergency Response Vehicle. The district's required contribution to this project was initially set at 25% of the total cost, or 46,667, resulting in an overall project cost of $186,667. Due to modest increases in the costs of goods and services since the original submission, the district's financial obligation is projected to increase by approximately $13,000, bringing the new estimate to around $60,000. While every effort will be made to contain expenses close to the initial 25%, it is prudent to anticipate some additional costs. As the Alpine Fire District approaches final approval to commence this project, I respectfully request the board's endorsement and support moving forward.

Member Pellegrino moved to approve the FY 26 USDA Rural Development Spending Request and fund the district's obligation; Treasurer Waite seconded. Approved.

17. D/A: Trade in opportunity for Command 1830.

Chief Noth requested board authorization to trade in Command 1830 due to electrical and safety concerns. With approval, a newer vehicle will be purchased and the $20,000 balance paid from the BMO account. Treasurer Waite moved to approve; Member Pellegrino seconded. Motion approved.

18. D/A: SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

- A motion was made by Member Pellegrino to set the date for February 18, 2026, at 8:30 AM, which was seconded by Clerk Fite and subsequently approved.

19. Discussion: ESTABLISH AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

- Audit Review.
- Grant Status Updates.
- Establishment of Budget Committee.
- Approval of Fee Schedule Resolution.

20. Board Member Comments:

Member Pellegrino thanked everyone for the AFDA conference attendance letters.

21. ADJOURNMENT.

Clerk Fite moved to adjourn; Treasurer Waite seconded. Approved at 9:44 AM.

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