

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01

RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF PINETOP FIRE DISTRICT OF NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF THE QUESTION OF SELLING AND ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the District Board of Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona (the "District"), hereby finds and determines that the capital needs of the District can best be financed through the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has successfully secured a federal grant to help pay for wildland fire fighting activities and providing a base of operations for fighting wildfires at a proposed Fire Station 10; and

WHEREAS, the District is served by two stations located in the eastern portions of the District and the proposed Fire Station 10 would increase coverage near the western boundary; and

WHEREAS, co-locating an emergency service response station at Fire Station 10 with the wildland fire fighting operations in a single planned facility is expected to save planning and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, a bond would provide the necessary local match for the wildland fire operations as well as expand coverage for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the sale and issuance of such general obligation bonds must first be authorized by a majority of the qualified electors of the District at a special bond election called for such purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF PINETOP FIRE DISTRICT OF NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA:

Section 1. That a special bond election in and for the District be and the same is hereby ordered and called to be held on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the question of selling and issuing general obligation bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount and for the purposes set forth in the hereinafter described "Official Ballot" (the "Bonds").

Section 2. That the Election shall be called and notice thereof given by (i) posting in at least three (3) public places within the District not less than twenty (20) days before the date of the Election, and (ii) publishing once a week during each of the three (3) calendar weeks preceding the calendar week of the Election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District,

in each case, the hereinafter described “Order, Call and Notice of Special Bond Election.” The Fire Chief of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause the same to be done in accordance with the provisions of Section 48-806, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended, and this Resolution.

Section 3. That the Order, Call and Notice of Special Bond Election shall be in substantially the form attached and marked as the Exhibit hereto.

Section 4. That the Official Ballot shall be in substantially the form included in the Order, Call and Notice of Special Bond Election, with such changes as shall be approved by Chairman of the District Board, the Fire Chief of the District or his designee, and is hereby incorporated in this Resolution by this reference.

Section 5. (A) That notice of the Election may also be given by mailing an informational pamphlet (the “Informational Pamphlet”) to each household with the District that contains a registered voter not less than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the Election.

(B) That the Informational Pamphlet, if used, shall be prepared by the Fire Chief of the District, and the Fire Chief of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Informational Pamphlet to be provided as and under the circumstances described herein in the form he deems acceptable.

(C) That the District hereby sets the date of August 9, 2024, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., as the deadline to submit arguments “for” and “against” the authorization to issue the Bonds.

(D) That the Fire Chief of the District is hereby authorized to request arguments “for” and “against” the subject matter of the Election by providing notice in the form and by the means he deems acceptable.

(E) That the Informational Pamphlet, if used, shall contain, as nearly as practicable, the information required by Section 35-454, Arizona Revised Statutes, and a sample of the Official Ballot, and shall be in a form the Fire Chief of the District deems acceptable.

Section 6. (A) That the Election shall be held, conducted and canvassed in conformity with the provisions of the election laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided by law, and only such persons shall be permitted to vote at the Election who are qualified electors of the District.

(B) That absentee/early voting with respect to the Election shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes.

(C) That the Election may be conducted (i) using either electromechanical or electronic vote recording and ballot counting equipment or paper ballots at polling places, or (ii) as a mailed ballot election as provided in Section 16-409, Arizona Revised


Statutes, as shall be determined to be in the best interests of the District by the Elections Department of the Navajo County, Arizona (the "County") and the Chairman of the District Board and the Fire Chief of the District.

(D) That the Chairman of the District Board and the Fire Chief of the District are authorized and directed to take all actions, including entering into a contract with the County Recorder of the County to obtain precinct registers for the Election and to enter into an agreement with the Elections Department of the County to conduct the Election for the District.

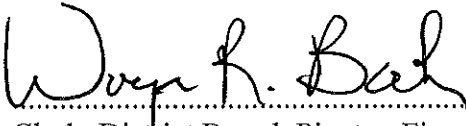
(E) That all expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election are hereby authorized.

(F) That the Chairman of the District Board and the Fire Chief of the District are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the Election including all such actions as are necessary to assist the Elections Department of the County in conducting the Election and performing its duties.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the District Board of Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona, on May 20, 2024.

  
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Chairman, District Board, Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk, District Board, Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona

EXHIBIT

ORDER, CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PINETOP FIRE DISTRICT OF NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA (THE "DISTRICT"):

A special bond election will be held on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"). The purpose of the special bond election is to permit the qualified electors of the District to vote on the question included in the following form of the Official Ballot.

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**SAMPLE BALLOT**

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Shall the District Board of Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona, be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of Pinetop Fire District of Navajo County, Arizona, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$11,600,000, to provide funds to construct, renovate, improve, equip and furnish fire stations and other District facilities, acquire apparatus, vehicles and equipment, liquidate indebtedness with respect to the foregoing, and pay all necessary costs in connection therewith; said general obligation bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum and to mature over a period of not to exceed 25 years from the date of their issuance and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law?

**FOR THE BONDS**           

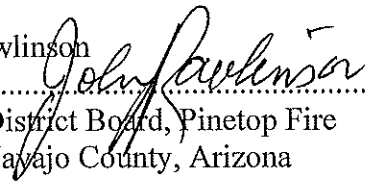
**AGAINST THE BONDS**  

The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be authorized at the Election shall be \$11,600,000; the maximum rate of interest to be paid thereon shall be not more than 6% per annum; the minimum and maximum number of years bonds of any issue or series authorized at the Election may run from their date shall be 1 year and 25 years, respectively; the District currently has no general obligation debt outstanding and the statutory debt limit of the District is \$9,670,658, being 6% of the net limited assessed property value of the taxable property in the District (which debt limit is based on a value provided by the assessor of Navajo County, Arizona for 2023/2024).

[INSERT INFORMATION REGARDING METHOD AND CONDUCT OF ELECTION PURSUANT TO TITLE 16 AND SECTION 48-806, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES].

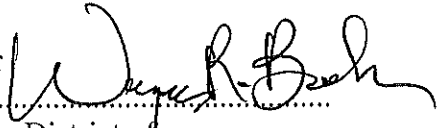
PINETOP FIRE DISTRICT OF NAVAJO  
COUNTY, ARIZONA

By /s/ John Rowlinson

  
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Chairman, District Board, Pinetop Fire  
District of Navajo County, Arizona

ATTEST:

/s/ Wayne Booher

  
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Clerk, Pinetop Fire District of  
Navajo County, Arizona