

Regular Meeting of Pinetop Fire Board
August 19, 2024
Pinetop Fire District Station 12
Video & Conference Available
1845 S. Pine Lake Rd, Pinetop AZ 85935

Call the meeting to Order: John Rowlinson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Roll Call of Board Members; Present John Rowlinson electronically, Carla Bowen, Ben Borrego, Wayne Booher and, Edie Webber

Administration present: Atty Bill Whittington, Sara Simonton (JVG), Chiefs' Jim Morgan and Richard Wallace and Nick Dodd were virtually present. Karen Robbins was present for the meeting.

- 1. Call to the Public:** Mr. Binkowski, one of our tax payers, was present to give his opinion of the bond and ask questions. He initially was opposed to the bond, having no information. Once he had all the facts his opinion changed positively. He did have a suggestion for Pinetop Fire District to do a better job of getting information out in ways other than social media. He suggested for his Demographic – retired over 50–to push it out to the newspaper, run ads, mail out flyers, and maybe a link on the website, not just social media outlets.
2. Mr. Dodd added valuable information for citizens about the interest rate and the rates for the bond sale. Mr. Binkowski said he may even be interested in purchasing a bond.

II. Consent Agenda Board Business

The items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be adopted in one motion unless a board member, staff, or member of the public in the audience requests, before the vote on the motion, to have the item considered separately. If any item is removed from the Consent Agenda, the Board Chairman will indicate when it will be discussed in the regular agenda.

- 1) Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of July 2024 Warrants paid.

Carla Bowen made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Edie Webber. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

III. Board Business

1. Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re: July 24 Financial Reports

All reports are in the board packet. Sara Simonton (JVG) gave a quick summary of the July 2024 financial reports. Some highlights were.

Navajo County Revenue and property tax collection were under budget for July.
Non-levy revenue – wildland billing slightly under budget but we have invoicing.
Ambulance Revenue is improving and currently on budget.

Expenses for July were over budget by \$256,721.

Personnel Expenses are over budget driven by higher-than-expected WL wages, PTO and O.T.
Vehicles and Equipment over budget, driven by wildland fire and timing of maintenance contracts.

Communication & IT are over due to annual computer support and software.

Travel and Training over driven by Wildland Expenses.

Year to date Expenses were over as well by \$2,166,776 which is 659,622 less than last year.

Percentages; Personnel 74%, Ops 15%, Admin 5%, and Communication 6%.

Ben Borrego made the motion to accept the June 2024 financial reports as presented. Seconded by Carla Bowen. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re: St 10 Bond election and Board Member Election Status.**

Chief Morgan: There were no other Board Member Applicants – Congratulations to Ben Borrego, Carla Bowen and Edie Webber they will retain their seats without contest.

Included in the packet is a rough draft of Station 10. Everyone agreed that it would be amazing. The drawing is very interesting and practical for what the district needs.

This is a non-vote item, information only.

IV. **Summary of Current Events.**

1. **Fire Chief Report**

Chief Morgan gave a rundown of all the resources out on wildland fires including himself and Asst. Chief Wallace

V. **Announcements.**

There were no new announcements.

Next Board Meeting is September 16, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Robbins