

# PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLFD GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Pine Lake Fire District met in regular session on **FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting was held at Pine Lake Fire District's Station #62, located at 4564 S. Hualapai Mtn. Rd., Kingman, AZ 86401. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the district's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Chuck Osterman/Board Member called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Heather Berge, Karen Gibas and Chuck Osterman were present. Ron Kutil/Chairman of the Board was absent. Quorum present.

## **MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **From 01/21/2026 regular meeting.** Karen Gibas motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 01/21/26. Heather Berge 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### **PLFD FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS**

- **Approval of January 2026 P&L Detail Report, Budget vs. Actual Report, Treasurer's Report and PR Statement.** Heather Berge motioned to approve the financial reports for January 2026 with a correction to the P&L Detail report to include account 72005/Accounting Services. Karen Gibas 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Other updates regarding Financial Reporting.**
  - None.

### **PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- a) **Operational Report.** Fire Chief/Rick Schimkat reported one (1) EMS call.
- b) **Fire Chief's Report.** *The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is described in detail. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date (A.R.S. 38-431.02. k)*

### **Fire Chief/Rick Schimkat provided update on the following:**

- Equipment– Purchased the Lifepac but received a loaner Lifepac for training purposes until the one we ordered arrives.
- Training – Held training on one (1) Saturday. Completed Lifepac training for our firefighters.
- Meetings Attended – Attended one (1) Fire Chiefs meeting and am scheduled to attend another this week.
- Projects in the works –
  - Sold two (2) vehicles and we are working on updating all titles/registrations/plates.
  - We repainted the community sign and added Firewise sign.
  - We plan on repainting the community mailbox cover when weather improves.
  - Helicopter training was rescheduled to 04/04/2026 at 9am.
  - BLM completed the burning of the burn pile today.

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- Other
  - We had a leather couch and loveseat donated to Station 62.
  - Planning a meeting with County Supervisor.

The Fire Chief, Rick Schimkat's report was accepted by the Board.

- c) **Correspondence.** We received a letter from the Mohave County Elections Department with candidate packet information.

## **FIREWISE UPDATE.**

- Paul Synder announced the next community training will be held on Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>. They have approximately 15 members of the community plus 3 from the Hualapai Mountain Parks department, signed up for the training. Jacob Richardson replaced Matt Rust and is expected to conduct the training.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** — *Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, advanced permission not required. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on future agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law*

- None.

**BUSINESS.** *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present it to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

- a) **Discussion and possible action of goals for 2026 and the five (5) year plan provided by Rick Schimkat.** Issue tabled.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Karen Gibas inquired if there are any candidates for the board.
- Chuck Osterman would like to begin discussing the budget in next month's meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Gibas. 2nd by Heather Berge. All in favor, motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36pm.

*Minutes prepared by: Mona Mejia* **Posted: 02/21/2026**

**CLERK OF THE BOARD** \_\_\_\_\_