

Minutes of February 17th, 2026, Board Meeting

The Fire Board of the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District met in Regular session, held at the fire house at 450 Little John Road, Williams, Arizona. The following topics and any variables there too were subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action.

1. Call to order at 5:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Walt Krushinsky (Chairperson), Jason Doud (Treasurer), Debra Hamby (Clerk), Rodger Anderson (Board Member). Also attending, Matt McDowell (Chief) and Chuck (assistant Chief). Public – Sign in sheet recorded

4. Public Works update:

a. Road Maintenance Representative: Chris Tresler with Coconino County Public Works spoke about the neighborhood roads. (Also in the audience was his coworkers Chad Ockter and Todd Skinner). There are approximately 1000 miles in the county and approximately 5 miles in our neighborhood that they maintain. No property tax money is used to maintain the roads. The primary source of funds comes from the State gas tax, some sales and vehicle license fees help fund the cost of maintaining our roads. Approximately \$150,000 is budgeted to cover the cost of the maintenance. Some of the challenges is having a full crew to do the work. Currently, they are very close to having a full crew. They are currently working on mapping the water flow in the neighborhood, to keep from grading and moving soil that would flood a property. They will also be working on drainage and working on the crown on the roads. Crews have been in the neighborhood with a full crew working on blading and working on culverts this past week. Scheduled road maintenance is every quarter. They will be back out this coming Spring. They are also working on possible other materials that will not create dust and wash boards. If anyone has concerns or wants to notify Public Works about road conditions, they can call 928-679-8300 and leave a message for them.

b. APS representative: Bryan Kelly came to speak about PSP or Public Safety Power Shut Off. This was created in 2024. This is necessary to help prevent and control wildfires. APS has installed cameras and remote sensors in areas around Arizona, including one camera here in the neighborhood on Longbow. They also monitor weather conditions, fuel/forest conditions. If APS feels that conditions are strong for a possible forest fire, they can turn off the power. This is typically at least a 4-day process looking at all the statis. During this time, they will be notifying officials (like our fire chief), media, county emergencies response, Facebook, email and phone calls (update your APS information). If APS decides to shut down the power, it will be a widespread shut down and will last approximately 20 plus hours. APS clients can go onto APS's website to find updates also if this happens.

5. Minutes – January 2026, Board Meeting: Motion made by Jason D. to accept the minutes and seconded by Rodger A. and the board voted unanimously to accept.

6. Treasurer's Report: January 2026 Financial details: Jason read the overview w/ income at 78% and expenditures were at 45% of budget. Deb H. made a motion to accept, and Rodger A. second, and board unanimously voted to accept.

7. Reports:

- a. Correspondence: Annual report – went over status of report, report is moving forward and almost completed. Due February 25th
- b. Auxiliary & POA: will be co-sponsoring the Fire Chiefs' class and will cover 100%. They have been working on a new neighbor packet. Kathy K. will be collecting information to help update these packets w/ general information about the community and laws in our area (including use of off-road vehicles). The POA was invited to the 50th anniversary of the Vitalant company the does the blood drives for the POA every year. Kathy and Walt K went, and it was a very inspiring event with a AZ policeman the was shot several times and survived. The POA will be doing 3 blood drives this year.
- c. Fire Chief report: Read and attached
- d. Board Report: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

a. Update to the website domain: David and Ann have updated the fire departments website to a new domain. This is a better and less costly change.

b. Review of Board terms that are current and year ending: Walt K, Rodger A. and Debra H. term will be ending this year. Dan R. was not a registered voter in Coconino County at the time that he became a Board member and could not be a SFEFD Board member. He is now a registered voter, and the department has turned to the county attorney for guidance as to what the Board can do now. The hope is that Dan can return as Board member. With the upcoming end of terms of 3 board members and possibly Dan not being able to return, Walt has brought up the possible change from a 5-member board to a 3- member board. Again, the Board will turn for more guidance from the county attorney.

9. Call to the Public: Kathy Krushinsky reported: Moonset Pit will open May 2nd. Larry Krushinsky asked about Ely Crain talking about clear cutting and was wondering if any is going to happen here and mostly to the south of the community. Matt explained that the forest to the east of the meadow near the RR tracks is being cut now and that the area south of SFE is State land and is open to sell to the public and there is nothing happening there. Debra stated that the state land was thinned and burned about 15 years ago.

10. Adjournment: at 6:04 pm Jason D. made a motion to adjourn, and Deb H.. 2nd. All in favor.



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CHIEF'S REPORT FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026

ACTIVITY:

- Incidents since last Board Meeting:
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EQUIPMENT:

- Apparatus Update:
 - Engine 1 (in service)
 - FR10 (in service)
 - Tender 4 (in service)
 - Tender 5 (in service)
 - Tender 8 (in service)
 - Brush 6 (in service)
 - Brush 11 (in service)
 - Excursion (in service) listed for sale, other options? See below for discussion
 - Tundra (in service) Serviced
- Station
 - Emergency Power- operational
 - Septic- operational

TRAINING: One training was differed due to officer standby on the highway, 4 members showed and 2 possible new members. Second training of the month only one member showed up, burned pine needles

Volunteered Hours- 10

Does not include paid personnel hours



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DISTRICT NOTES:

- Fire danger Low, No fire restrictions
- Replaced AED batteries
- Pine needle clean up and burned
- Officer standby on highway
- C3 Meeting
- PFAC Meeting
- Niles radio meeting
- Received payment from Ponderosa fire for repeater, Still waiting on HCFR payment
- Wildland refresher scheduled for 3/14/26
- Received confirmation of Lifepack monitor donation
- Generator was serviced, DISCUSSION, new invoice
- Met with Coconino County Attorney in regards to Board member compliance. More to follow in future
- McDowell and Lomeli signed up for Wildland Academy
- Meeting with Kaibab National Williams Ranger, requested new land use permit from Kaibab National Forest
- New lock installed on Admin door
- Researching EV fire blankets still
- Discussion on how to proceed with the Excursion
- **BIG THANK YOUS!!!** Thank you to the POA and Auxiliary for their partial sponsorship for Chief McDowell to attend the Chief Executive Officer Program

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

SUBMITTED BY:

MATTHEW MCDOWELL, FIRE CHIEF

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