

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Huish called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Huish, Board Chairman
Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Norman Sturm, Board Member
Thomas Tucker, Board Member (electronically)

Board Members Absent: Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Kaleb Mauzy, Deputy Chief
Diana Mercier, Billing Supervisor
Steven Rodriguez, James Vincent Group (electronically)

Others in Attendance: John Price, Shive-Hattery Architects (electronically)
Jason Marsh, Marsh Development (electronically)
Kiel Prudence, Marsh Development (electronically)
Thomas Yazzie, Shive-Hattery Architects (electronically)
Friends, family, and co-workers for employee recognition

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mr. Huish led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Sturm gave the invocation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Huish reminded board members that they shall declare any conflict of interest. No board member declared a conflict at this time.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huish opened the call to the public at 6:01 p.m.

There were no members of the public present to address the Board.

Call to the public closed at 6:01 p.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

a. Firefighter / EMT Roberto Iniguez – Firefighter Badge Presentation and Loyalty Oath

Captain Jared Haros recognized Firefighter Roberto Iniguez for his successful completion of one year of probation and thanked his family for their support. Roberto Iniguez responded to over 330 calls for service, completed over 330 hours of firefighter training, participated in public education events, mentored new hires, and completed many classes in the past year. Chief Mauzy administered the oath of office and presented Firefighter Roberto Iniguez with his badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2026.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 24, 2026. Mr. Sturm seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Review, discussion, and possible action on the monthly financial report for February 2026.

Steven Rodriguez from James Vincent Group (JVG) gave a PowerPoint presentation reflecting a summary of the financial reports for February 2026 and year to date. The non-tax revenue was under budget due to a reporting issue for Fort Huachuca billing but was over budget. Tax levy revenue was over budget for the month. Expenses for the month were under budget. Our year-to-date tax revenue was over budget, our non-tax revenue was over budget due to ambulance, wildland, and interest revenue, and our total expenses were over budget. A discussion followed.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to accept the February 2026 financial reports. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion carried.

COMMAND STAFF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Mauzy provided Board Members with the following monthly report written by Chief Savage:

Operations and Staffing – Recently the DEA passed a new rule regarding control of medications. We are closely tracking the rule's impact on our medication requirements and working with Canyon Vista Medical Center to ensure any disruption is minimized. AZDHS is working on a process that should allow EMS agencies to register directly with the DEA; however, this would likely create some inventory management and control issues for us.

Rutger Calihan is completing his initial training, and we anticipate bringing him online as soon as we receive his pre-hire NFPA 1582 medical clearance. Sergio Flores resigned to join the EMS Division at SVFMD. We are working through another full-time Firefighter hiring process and anticipate at least one additional vacancy in the near future.

Deputy Chief Mauzy is continuing to coordinate training. February included our wildland firefighting refresher training and pack tests. March will include updates for all our advanced life support certifications for both adults and pediatrics.

Congratulations to our 2025 Awards Winners: Firefighter of the Year – Captain Austin Nash, EMS Professional of the Year – Captain Ladd Hall, Outstanding Achievement Award – Angel Perry, and Part-Time EMS of the Year – Denise Petersen.

Wildfire season is back. Arizona has experienced new heat records in the past few days. We are also catching wildfire assignments again. Last weekend we provided two Type 6 engines, a water tender, and Deputy Chief Mauzy to support a 40-acre fire on the San Pedro. Chief Prince was grateful for the support and continues to be a strong partner.

Facilities – The Station 143 project is continuing to move ahead. We are still working to finalize the permits and will be asking for input on the official Ground-Breaking schedule under tonight's action items.

Apparatus and Equipment – Deputy Chief Seamans, Captain Kean, and Aaron Kaiser completed the pre-construction visits to Rosenbauer and Demers. An additional Type 3 engine and ambulance should be moving forward in the construction process with delivery delays anticipated.

The Tender retrofit should be going out for bid soon as well.

The new truck chassis we received last month should be getting the box from R1421 remounted on it soon. This will prepare us for REMS and Fuels Crew work this season and next.

We are working with Gust Rosenfeld to have the title liens released on several vehicles we intend to surplus over the next year. These include the R1421 chassis, air trailer, and a Tahoe.

Construction continues on the Type 3 engine that was partially funded with the 1720 Grant from DFFM. It is still anticipated to be completed within the next several months. We will be coordinating with DFFM once it's delivered and placed in service.

We had a few Type 1 engines out of service with significant engine repairs. Thanks to Aaron Kaiser for getting them back up and running!

Grants – Our Fuels Crew finished working for the winter and is returning to their regular fire season jobs. We are working to see if we can coordinate some AmeriCorps Conservation Crews to continue our fuel mitigation progress during the fire season.

We received our reimbursement for approximately \$30,000 from DFFM for our Fuels Crew through mid-December. Angel Perry has prepared another request to cover the fuels crew time from December through March. We anticipate submitting the second reimbursement request later this week.

SEACOM – Budget work for SEACOM continues. Although they originally agreed to the cost-per-call matrix, HCI is now looking to hire their own dispatchers and may leave SEACOM. We have another JPA meeting on Thursday to resolve some of the outstanding budget questions. We

will be asking for some credit for the Fire 2 repeater upgrade. Director Wilkins is continuing to do exceptional work.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review, discussion and possible action regarding design work and capital improvement planning with Shive-Hattery Architects and Marsh Development for Fire Sta. 143. This item may include direction to execute contracts for construction, and direction moving forward with plans, phasing, adopting a fee schedule and gross maximum price.

A groundbreaking at Station 143 was scheduled for April 9 at 8:30 am to accommodate Board Members. Kiel Prudence stated the date and time are good for Marsh Development and he will follow up with Shive-Hattery Architects.

Jason Marsh with Marsh Development asked if we will be issuing an official NTP for the start of the construction. Deputy Chief Mauzy said he will get back to Jason Marsh with an answer as soon as possible.

No action taken on this item.

- b. Review, discussion and possible action regarding 2026-2027 Fee Schedule.

Board Members reviewed the updated 2026-2027 Fee Schedule.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to adopt the updated 2026-2027 Fee Schedule. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion carried.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Andersen stated the interview with Chief Savage on Channel 13 News regarding our partnership with OroraTech and using satellite imagery to detect and monitor wildfires was good press for the District.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sturm made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:26 p.m. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board