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Tusayan Fire District

MINUTES OF MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TUSAYAN FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A public meeting of the Tusayan Fire District Governing Board was convened on March 12, 2026, at the Tusayan Fire Station and via Zoom conference call, Tusayan AZ 86023.

Call to Public/Confirmation of Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. The following members of the Tusayan Fire District Board of Directors were present in person, Board Chair John Vail and Board Member Ben Gomez. Present on Zoom Board Member Elena Villanueva and Board Member Rob Gossard. Others in attendance included Fire Chief Greg Brush, Chief of Administration Kate Johnson, and members of the public include Captain Jeff Daniels.

Discussion/Approval of February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve regularly scheduled February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes. First by Gomez. Seconded by Vail. Motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Monthly Financial Report presented by Johnson verbally and in written form. (See form for details). Motion to approve the financial report. First by Vail. Seconded by Gomez. Motion carries unanimously.

Fire Chiefs Update

Chief Brush presented report verbally and in written form. (See form for details). Town of Tusayan is reexploring the options to install an emergency radio at Town Hall.

Old Business

Discussion, Update, and Possible Action regarding out of district emergency response

No new update. High Country Fire Rescue attempted to reintroduce legislative measures to create a Fire District. SB 1339 was rejected upon first reading. No updates from Park Service to increase our medical coverage in the Park via mutual aid.

Discussion, Update, and Possible Action regarding purchase of a side-by-side with track capabilities.

Board discussed financial priorities for the District balancing potential side-by-side with staff retention and benefits. Board directed Chief to work with Town of Tusayan grant writer to explore grant options going forward. Board reached consensus that budget and financial restrictions do not allow for TFD funding allocation to this purchase.

Discussion, Update, and Possible Action regarding beginning a Student Cadet Program in addition to the Volunteer Academy.

DEDICATING OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF TUSAYAN AND OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance information has been gathered. Policies, guidelines, waivers, and permission slips are drafted and awaiting coordination for legal review.

Discussion, Update, and Possible Action regarding parking structure on Forest Service land.

Staff has not had an opportunity to draft a letter to request meeting. This will occur prior to the next board meeting.

New Business

No new business.

Board Member Reports

Ben Gomez – Nothing to report

Elena Villanueva - Nothing to report

Rob Gossard - Nothing to report

John Vail – provided legislative updates. Commented Mary Dalton for her efforts on legislative matters related to Fire District.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. First by Vail, seconded by Gossard. Motion passes unanimously.

Minutes approved by Board on Date _____

By _____

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