



# HIGHLANDS FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA 03/17/26

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Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Highlands Fire District Board of Directors is scheduled for **March 17, 2025** at 5:00 PM at Fire Station 23, Administration Board Room, 3350 Old Munds Hwy, Flagstaff, AZ. Public access to the meeting room will be allowed 15 minutes prior to the meeting. For access to the meeting online you must register in advance of the meeting at the link provided below. Please call (928) 525-1717 for Technical Support as needed. Members of the Highlands Fire District Board of Directors may attend either in person or by video conferencing. Any item on this agenda and any other matters related thereto will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action per A.R.S. § 38-431.02.

Zoom Link – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885471433?pwd=O5cPM7Xbwe1Ah5dphhfiemFsECALIL.1>

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call** - Chairperson Jay Smith, Clerk Carl Nelson, Director Brad Bippus, Director Tom Hanecak, and Director Ira Allen.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Mission and Vision Statements, and Board Responsibilities**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
  - B. Mission – *We are dedicated to serving our communities and region through preparedness, prevention, and emergency response.*
  - C. Vision – *The Highlands Fire District will be recognized for the highest standards, levels of trust, innovation, and accountability while exceeding community expectations. We will succeed by developing and maintaining strategic partnerships, hiring, and promoting quality people, and positioning the District for fiscal sustainability, both now and in the future.*
  - D. Review selected Board responsibilities.
4. **Welcome Visitors**
5. **Call to the Public** – *In accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.0 1(H), any person may address the Board on any matter within the authority of the Board. The Board may respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter, or request a matter be included on a future agenda. The Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised unless it is properly noted for discussion and legal action.*
6. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
7. **Approval of Financial Report**
8. **Summary Reports & Correspondence** – *In accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), the Board shall not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the following summary reports.*
  - A. IAFF Local Chapter 1505 Summary Report
  - B. Battalion Chief's Summary Report
  - C. Fire Chief's Summary Report
  - D. Fire Board Chairperson's Summary Report
  - E. Correspondence

**9. Topics of Discussion and Possible Legal Action**

- A. PRESENTATION BY COCONINO COUNTY TREASURER, SARAH BENETAR
- B. PRESENTATION BY COCONINO COUNTY ASSESSOR, ARMANDO RUIZ
- C. UPDATE REGARDING BEAR JAW (FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM)
- D. PRESENTATION OF FLAGSTAFF RANCH FIRE DISTRICT OPERATIONAL REPORT
- E. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE DISTRICT INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH VFIS
- F. CONSIDERATION TO NOMINATE ERICA LYONS TO THE PSPRS LOCAL BOARD
- G. REVIEW FIRE BOARD TASK CALENDAR

**10. Board Member Comments** - *Board members' comments are meant to inform and clarify, and no legal action will be taken.*

**11. Adjournment**

*In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a meeting, please contact Jayme Jones at (928) 525-1717. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.*

Agenda approved by Jay Smith, Chair

Agenda posted on March 13, 2026 by Erica Lyons, Administrative Assistant III