MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

08/04/26- Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday September 9, 2026. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on August 4, 2026, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:31 pm.

Agenda Open Meeting

1. **Call to Order /Roll Call**: 5:31 pm.
   Members Present*: Board Members Chairman Jennifer Aspa, Samantha Anderson, David Cook, Perry Kaufman and Allayzia Foster.*
   Personnel: *Chief Weatherford, Kim Haskill and Angie DeLeon*

2. Introduction of new firefighter Jerit Thurman to the Fire Board.
   Newly hired full-time firefighter Jerit Thurman introduced himself to the board.

3. **Call the Public.** Consideration and discussion of comments from the public.
   Those wishing to address the Parker Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take an action on any item raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed at them. Otherwise, the Board may direct the staff to review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public input is limited to two (2) minutes unless a greater amount of time is approved by the Board. ***The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda, due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.***
   No Public Comment.

4. Consent Agenda: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill# 27-100 to approve the following:
   a. Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 07/08/26.
   b. Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 06/01/2026-06/30/2026
   c. Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 07/01/2026-07/31/26
   A motion was made by Samantha Anderson to approve Consent Agenda bill 27-100, along with a second from Allayzia Foster.
   Ayes: Aspa, Anderson, Kaufman, Foster and Cook
   Absent:
   Abstain:
   Nayes:
   Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item # 4

5.Discussion & Possible Action: Discussion regarding IGA with Bouse Fire which includes a discussion regarding an assistant Fire Chief.
Chief Weatherford reported that the attorney looked over the IGA with Bouse Fire and stated that everything would remain the same except for that Parker Fire will now be paying him directly.
After some discussion, Chairman Jennifer Aspa stated that she would like a copy of the existing mutual aid with Bouse Fire and she would like this item placed on next month agenda to include an executive session.
Chairman Jennifer Aspa also requested information on the growth in Bouse and outside of Bouse.

6.Discussion & Possible Action: Discussion regarding the Strategic Plan.
Chief Weatherford stated that he would like to build a strategic plan board to include firefighters and board members. Chief Weatherford stated that he would like to have at least two board members who are interested in being part of the board. Chairman Jennifer Aspa requested that a Buckskin board member also be included in the strategic plan board. A meeting was set for September 9th, to be held after the regular Parker Fire Board meeting.

7. Discussion & Possible Action: Re: Accepting grant from Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz (IDA) for the amount of $27,660 for the PFD garage bay cooling project.
Firefighter DeLeon reported that he spoke with Randy Hartless about different grants they might be eligible to apply for to install air conditioning in the bay. Firefighter DeLeon stated that he was referred to apply for an IDA grant. Firefighter DeLeon stated that he applied for an IDA grant for the air conditioning for the bay and that Parker Fire was awarded a grant for $27,000. Chairman Aspa congratulated them on the grant and asked them to follow up with Mr. Hartless because the check was written for $27,000 and the award letter was written for $ 27,660 and to have him issue a corrected award letter or check if necessary.

8. Fire Chief's Report:
A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
B: Monthly Activities
C: Parker South
Chief Weatherford reported that he will be meeting and working with the Sheriff's Office on a new interface dispatch system. Chief Weatherford reported that Firefighter Holley secured a Wakam grant in the amount of $6,200.00 per class, per student. Chief Weatherford stated that the three full-time firefighters from Parker Fire will be attending the Paramedic class. Chief Weatherford also reported that they were dispatched to a wildland assignment in the valley, and that the water tender made some money. Chief Weatherford reported that the ladder truck still only has one offer in the amount of $150,00 dollars and that the guys are working on barbecue planning.

9. Chairman's Report:
Chairman Aspa requested that they get three quotes for the air conditioning for the bay and to compare it to the electricity cost. Chairman Aspa also requested Chief Weatherford to look at the budget for a pay increase for the guys that will be in the paramedic class for when they complete the class.

a: Ask Board Members for ***items to be considered for inclusion on the next agenda***.
b. Schedule the next Regular Session.

10. Adjourn. 6:23 pm.

Jennifer Aspa, Chairman

9/16/26
Date

Angie DeLeon
Administrative Assistant

Date: 08/05/2026

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: 10/14/26

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