Palominas Fire District
Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board
Palominas, Arizona
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2026
5:30 p.m.

ACRONYMS:
A.R.S… Arizona Revised Statutes PFD… Palominas Fire District
SEACOM… Southeastern Arizona Communications

1. ***Call to Order:***
   a) **Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum:** Tommy Stoner, Valerie Rice, Cathy Chouinard, Robert Montgomery, Kim Mauzy, Steve Abel & Brittany Archer
   b) **Moment of silence**
   c) **Pledge of allegiance**

2. ***Call to the Public:*** No public comment was made.

3. ***Approval of Minutes:*** July 30, 2026, minutes were the only ones there. Steve Abel has agreed to move May 2026 minutes to following month. Valerie Rice made a motion to approve July 30, 2026, minutes. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Valerie Rice: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye. Cathy Chouinard abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ***Financial reports & consideration of district financial matters pursuant to A.R.S. §48-807:*** The July 2026 financials were not available.

5. ***Training Center Classroom Use:*** Cathy Chouinard made a motion to approve the TC use for Mr. Boice representing his non-profit group until it is discussed otherwise. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye. Motion passed unanimously

6. ***Automatic Aid Agreement with Fry Fire District:*** Steve Abel says there is a copy of the Automatic Aid Agreement that FFD sent over to replace the agreement that has been in place. Valerie Rice made a motion to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement as submitted with the correction to the address listed. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Valerie Rice: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye. Motion passed unanimously

7. ***Light Duty Assignment:*** Tommy Stoner would like a policy written to cover light duty. Valerie Rice made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to make a temporary light duty assignment. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Cathy Chouinard doesn't feel like they should be involved as they

are co-mingling the policies, as the workman's comp policy leaves this to the Chief's discretion. Valerie Rice: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye. Cathy Chouinard: Nay Motion passed 4-1

8. Strategic Plan: Discussion related to no desire for a Strategic Plan, but to have a Capital Replacement Plan. Tommy Stoner says that a master plan would work more for a city. Tommy Stoner proposed a capital replacement plan instead of a strategic plan. Tommy Stoner will sponsor the Capital Replacement Plan on next month's agenda.

9. Vehicle Surplus: The Expedition is 17 years old and has 200,000 miles on it. Steve Abel says it needs to go away. Tommy Stoner suggests not getting rid of it until we have replacement vehicle. Place on next month's agenda.

10. Water Tender: Steve Able asks what the board wants him to do. They want a 3,000-gallon water tender. His recommendation is to start looking for something and is asking for a guideline for a dollar amount they want to spend. Tommy Stoner's concern is that we need something that will move down the road. Place back on next month's agenda. Tommy Stoner will sponsor this item.

11. ***Fire Chief report:*** One significant residential fire off Hutchinson. It was a fully involved garage fire. There was also a school bus fire off South Kings Ranch. There were minor repairs done to Engine 193 and Brush 193. The Expedition was towed to 3 Kings Automotive. Engine 193 foam system is malfunctioning and will potentially need repairing. We're still down two firefighters. We made a job offer to one person, but we're still waiting to hear back. We brought back one Water Tender Operator. We are developing a testing process for Engineers and Captains. A light duty position was on the agenda. We will be updating the website soon. An officer's meeting was held at the beginning of the month. The payroll issue has been resolved. We have another issue where someone was in an Acting Captain position that wasn't compensated. SEACOM made some changes to the trunking system and that rendered our 700-800 radios inoperable. The county radio tech was able to update the software on the portables. We located used APX 7500 radios for $2,000 each with a short warranty. The quote is $12,750.

12. ***Next Meeting:*** September 24, 2026.

13. ***Adjournment:*** Cathy Chouinard made a motion to adjourn. Valerie Rice seconded the motion.

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Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye. Adjournment at 7:12 p.m.

These Minutes were approved by the Palominas Fire Board on _____
Date

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Board Clerk