PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431; Notice given that Thunderbird Fire District Board held a Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on May 6, 2025, at 12356 N. Ralston Rd., Pinal County, AZ. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3). Persons with disabilities needing accommodation or alternative formats should contact the District 72 hrs. in advance. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice given the public had physical meeting room access at 6:55 PM.

**I. AGENDA:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:04pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** Pat Kaup, Dave Brady & Carol Shrock; Quorum. **Staff:** Chief Allen Allcott, Bookkeeper, Sara Carroll
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **DISCUSS/APPROVE** Minutes: Dave motioned to approve the 4/1/25 minutes, Carol 2nd, all in favor; motion carried.
5. **DISCUSS/ACCEPT** Financial & Donations Report & Reimbursement requests: Pat provided the Balance

sheet for review. Sara provided the Profit & Loss report, invoices and checks for signature and bank statement with reconciliations. Dave motioned to accept the financials, Pat 2nd, all in favor; motion carried.

1. **DISCUSS/APPROVE** Correspondence: Pat reviewed ads and magazines received. No action needed.

**II. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Pat noted she had a box full of the old style checks. Sara stated they could

be shredded and keep any register list if applicable. Carol reviewed a meeting between the Arizona Special Districts Alliance and Board of Supervisor, Steve Miller.The topics of drought, annexation issues tax levy and potential solar farms were discussed regarding fire districts in Pinal County. Carol discussed the need for volunteer staff turn-outs for protection and that they may be able to enter into agreements with solar farms for coverage that includes the purchase of the safety gear. Hidden Valley Fire is also providing Safety trainings.

1. **CHIEF’S REPORT:** Chf. Allcott arrived at 8:40. He reported the Pancake Breakfast and Rifle Raffle made

over $3,000 in revenue. Jim Shoaf made a $400 donation so there will be a deposit of about $4000.

Reimbursements for staff purchases will be made by check from the FD Foundation and not in cash. Chf. spoke about a donation offer for a red ambulance from Ak-Chin to use for the rehab staff vs purchase of a $2000 vehicle. It will need to be approved by the Council. He spoke about an issue between the county and State Land issuing fire permits. The district is being contacted as a courtesy by the residents but have been arguing the authority for the Fire district to not allow burning due to high wind advisories.

1. **FIREWISE COMMUNITY PROGRAM;** NoUpdates form the Dept. of Fire & Forestry on status changes.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY** Request for proposals from Cooper & Rueter LPC, for legal services: The

board reviewed and agreed the services would only be used as needed and would not incur a monthly fee or retainer. Dave motioned to approve Cooper & Rueter LPC. legal services, Carol 2nd, all in favor; motion carried.

1. **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY** Election polling Agreement with Pinal County Elections department: there

was discussion on the fees, if any to be collected by the district. The board agree no fees would be added for the use. Dave motioned to approve the Election polling Agreement with Pinal County Elections department, Carol 2nd, all in favor; motion carried. There was discussion regarding the enforcement of fine if permitted residents go against the no-burn instruction by the district.

1. **DISCUSS** Tentative Annual Budget 2025/2026: Carol discussed the potential costs in the new fiscal year. Oil

changes to the trucks are around $1000 ea., tires are $4000 and turn-out are older that the recommended life span for effective safety. The district needs to actively work on annexation of more properties for revenue to sustain the district. The 3.75% cap on tax levy vs the current 2% was discussed. A potential increase to 2.5% will be considered. The Milky Way Dairy, solar farms and annexation of property were discussed for new revenue streams. There will be a fire station built by the City of Maricopa for Amarillo Creek subdivision on Papago Rd. There was discussion on donation and building use fees for events. Revenue carryover would be earmarked to roll over for the next year. Carol will work with Chf. Allcott on compiling a tentative budget for action at the next meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:52pm**

**Approved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**