MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GROOM CREEK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 6, 2026, 6:00 pm
1110 E. Friendly Pines Road, Prescott, AZ

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order on October 6, 2026, at 6:01 pm by Board Chairman Andy Lamar.

Note the following acronyms are used throughout this document: GCFD = Groom Creek Fire District, GCFFA = Groom Creek Fire Fighters Association, PSPRS = Public Service Personnel Retirement System, Hazmat = Hazardous Materials

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
Present at the meeting were Chairman Andy Lamar, Clerk Annette Starr, and Board Members Mick Gleason and Daniel Mort. Eric Rogers was not present. This constitutes a quorum and the meeting was continued and chaired by Chairman Lamar according to district bylaws. Also present were District Fire Chief Ernesto Manzanedo, Assistant Chief Nate Hallowell and the District's Attorney Robert Miller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board Chairman Andy Lamar made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 1, 2026 seconded by Daniel Mort. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES
None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Calls for service:** For the month of September 2026 - 5 EMS calls, 1 fire alarm, 1 smoke investigation, 1 moved patient.
- **Groom Creek Classic Recap:** The GCFFA held its 21st annual Groom Creek Classic run, which includes a half marathon, 10K, and 5K run. It was a very successful event, with great volunteers. The GCFFA is the charitable branch of the district that helps raise funds that go to help pay for training and helps with relief efforts for any hardships that may happen to fire personnel and members of the community.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Financial report for August 2026, given by Board Clerk Annette Starr.

General Fund	$-182,112.50	Capital Reserve - Undesignated	$24,029.97
Line of Credit	$0	Capital Reserve - Engine Fund	$1,515.67
OneAZ – Checking	$13,682.77	Capital Reserve - Total	$25,545.64
OneAZ– New Checking	$22,682.49		
OneAZ – Savings	$5.00		

Mick Gleason made a motion to approve the financial report given. Seconded by Annette Starr. The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
Annual Audit Engagement Renewal. The department is seeking to use the same audit company that they have used for the last twenty years, Saunders Company LTD. The owners of the company are scaling down their business and are only offering one year contracts, as opposed to their previous five and two year contracts. Due to these changes Chief Manzanedo is in the process of getting quotes from three companies that offer a similar service, but has not heard back from them. The cost for Saunders to do the audit has increased $2500 from last year because of new peer review requirements, for a total price of $9,900.

Daniel Mort made a motion to authorize $9,900 to be used for the annual audit by Saunders Company LTD, seconded by Annette Starr. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mick Gleason asked the community members that were present at the meeting what they thought about the audit. The response was that this type of audit is very specialized and that we are pretty much limited as to who we can use for the audit. Mick also asked about the rezoning of Friendly Pines Camp and how it might affect the district. Chief Manzanedo said that it could potentially increase the tax revenue.

Chairman Lamar thanked everyone for their time and service.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Andy Lamar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mick Gleason. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Prepared by:



Annette Starr, Board Clerk
Groom Creek Fire District