

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE CONGRESS FIRE DISTRICT

HELD April 17, 2025

A public meeting of the Congress Fire District was convened at 1:00 p.m. on April 17, 2025, at the Congress Fire District Office. The following matters were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: The following members of the Board of Congress Fire District were present at the meeting: Brandi Bridges, Chair of the Board, Members Donald Wessel and George Wickholm. Also present were Fire Chief Bryan Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Kaitlyn Brinkley. Clerk of the Board Reggie MacDonald and Member Jane Summers were absent.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2026, were reviewed. George made a motion to approve the minutes and Don seconded the motion. All in favor; minutes are approved.
4. Approval of Financial Reports: Financial reports for the month of March 2026 consisting of Balance Sheet, Cash Flow (Budget vs. Actual), Transaction list, County Treasurer Monthly Warrant Statement with Reconciliation, and County Treasurer Monthly Capital Reserve Statement with Reconciliation were reviewed. Motion was made by Don to approve the financial reports for the month of March 2026; George seconded; all in favor; financial reports are approved.
5. Correspondence: None.
6. Fire Chief's Report: There were 26 calls for service last month, including a few mutual aid calls. There was a shed fire and a medical call in Yarnell. The response times have been within 5 minutes in town and 9 minutes to the North Ranch area. The Engineer's Academy is now complete, and those who passed the class will be promoted as of May 1st. Vince Rodriguez III was one of the graduates and will be on the truck here in Congress. In the coming months, we will adopt the 2024 Fire Codes. We had the YCCA Contractors meeting, and the Wildland Urban Interface Air Face Rules will be updated, adding many more restrictions on building and remodeling. Chief Tunis and I had our accreditation site visit for the Paramedic program this past week, and it went very well. In the coming weeks, we will have our graduation, and one member from Congress will be graduating from the class.
7. Old Business:
8. New Business:

- a. Board Chair Brandi Bridges presented district maps highlighting areas located outside the current boundaries. The Congress Fire Board plans to reach out to individuals just beyond the district boundary, inviting them to join the district and access its benefits, thereby avoiding potential fees in the future. Chair Bridges requested a motion from the Board to approve moving forward by contacting the individuals outside the district. Member Wessell seconded the motion. All in Favor.
- b. The Board continues to discuss the most effective solutions for additional vehicle parking. Current options under consideration include purchasing an additional Connex and installing a cover between them to create sheltered parking in the center. The Board will continue exploring other cost-effective ideas.
- c. The Board discussed with Skull Valley the potential purchase of the old water tender owned by Congress Fire. The Board will verify the vehicle's condition to ensure it is suitable for sale to another fire district and will revisit this topic at the next meeting.

9. No Executive Session required.

10. Call to the Public: None.

11. Adjournment: Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026. George made a motion to adjourn the meeting: seconded by Reggie; all in favor, meeting is adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Congress Fire District Governing Board

Secretary _____

Approved: _____