

SAN MANUEL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Fire\*Rescue  
District Board Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Manuel Fire Department District was called to order at 6:15pm.

Members Present: Frank Zazueta  
Manuel Laguna  
Liana Romero  
Dan Riekofski

Members Absent: Michelle Gonzales-Castro

Staff Present: Ernest Ivy, Fire Chief  
Jessica Castro, Engineer

The roll was taken, and a quorum was present to conduct business. Dan Riekofski called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Minutes:** Minutes for March 2026 were reviewed. Frank Zazueta made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Manuel Laguna seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes as correct.

**Old Business:**

- **None**

**New Business:**

- **Call to Public:** Three members of the public were in attendance. Chimene Hawes spoke for the allotted 3 minutes. She spoke briefly about the Firewise program, asked about Fireworks display, and air burner information. Chief Ivy indicated he would get information for her.
- **Profit and Loss Statement:** Profit and Loss Statement for March 2026 was reviewed, and Frank Zazueta made a motion to approve the statement. Liana Romero seconded the motion, and the Board approved the statement unanimously.

- **Chief Update:**

- Chief Ivy spoke about the tender needing a liner. He is in process of getting quotes for the job.
- The Tentative Budget for next year will be discussed at next Board meeting.
- BHP and Farraday Copper donated items to the SMFD; lockers and wildland gear.
- Chief Ivy discussed the Firewise programs in San Manuel. Currently, there are two separate groups. The SMFD member who currently serves on both Firewise Boards will no longer be part of them as it is a possible conflict of interest. When more information is available about possibly having only one Firewise group, then having an SMFD member on the Board will be addressed.
- BHP has been putting up No Dumping signs on their property, as it is their responsibility. SMFD will not be doing any burns.
- Arizona Water replaced three (3) fire hydrants in San Manuel. They require adapters to fit the SMFD hoses.

- **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, Dan Riekofski adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:15pm.