

QCCIFD Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025

The Queen Creek County Island Fire District (QCCIFD) governing board met in a properly posted open public meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The meeting was held at the Town of Queen Creek Municipal Services Building - San Tan Conference Room, located at 22358 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, Arizona

The following agenda items were considered at the meeting:

- A. The meeting of the QCCIFD board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by board chair Kuefner.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Kuefner, Clerk Holthouse and Members Ruscetti and Doyle in attendance.

Item 1: Consideration of approval of the governing board meeting minutes of March 19, 2025 (QCCIFD #25-013):

Motion by Holthouse/ 2nd by Kuefner: To approve the March 19, 2025 minutes as presented; Passed 4-0.

Item 2: Call to the Public: There are two members from the public who would like to discuss agenda item #5. They are interested in expanding the boundary of their neighborhood so they can be included in the QCCIFD.

Item 3: Report from the fire chief regarding the provision of fire and EMS to the QCCIFD, including but not limited to the following items (QCCIFD #25-n/a):

- a) Monthly response and service report: Chief Marlar discussed the March and April response reports and answered general questions from the board on information provided in the reports. There was 1 structure fire in April. EMS incidents were also up slightly in April. The town will be ordering another ambulance in July.

Discussion only – no action taken

Item 4: Consideration of district financial matters:

- a) Review of monthly financial reports (QCCIFD #25-014):

Administrative Manager Vaughn reviewed the March and April financial reports prepared by the district's C.P.A. (finance reports included within board packet). Vaughn addressed general questions from the board regarding information contained within the reports.

Motion by Kuefner/ 2nd by Doyle: To accept the finance reports as presented; Passed 4-0.

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b) Review of invoices / payables and authorization for payment (QCCIFD #25-015):

Administrative Manager Vaughn presented invoices (included within board packet) and warrants (checks) for board review and authorization for payment: PolicyLogic, LLC (\$1,920.52); Angela Bertram, CPA \$325); Town of Queen Creek-2nd half of fire services (\$1,301,573)

Motion by Kuefner / 2nd by Ruscetti: To authorize payment of the invoices presented; Passed 4-0.

Item 5: Consideration and possible action concerning future potential boundary change to the QCCIFD. (QCCIFD #25-016).

Consultant John Flynn, answered questions from the board regarding the potential boundary change. He suggested that the property owners who would like to look into the boundary change contact the assessor's office to get data set and map on all parcels within the potential boundary change area. Use A.R.S. §48-262 Boundary Changes to review all necessary steps.

Discussion only – no action taken

Item 6: Consideration of establishing a tentative revenue and expenditure budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 pursuant to A.R.S. §48-853; declaring such for publishing and public notice; and setting July 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. local time for a public hearing prior to adoption (QCCIFD #25-017).

Administrative Manager Vaughn discussed the proposed budget for FY 25/26 and answered general questions from the board regarding the budget. The contract cost from the Town of Queen Creek is projected to be \$3,340,067 TY compared to \$2,603,146 LY. The FDAT cap has been reached of \$400K. The proposed tax rate is 2.6924 TY vs 2.2352 LY. Chief Marlar discussed that there are more service areas within QCCIFD, as well as added positions since taking over inspections.

Motion by Kuefner/ 2nd by Holthouse: Consideration of establishing a tentative revenue and expenditure budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 pursuant to A.R.S. §48-853; declaring such for publishing and public notice; and setting July 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. local time for a public hearing prior to adoption; Passed 4-0.

Item 7: Consideration of items for the agenda of the Queen Creek County Island Fire District's next regular scheduled meeting July 30, 2025 and or a special meeting called by the governing board for the purpose of carrying out its powers and duties (QCCIFD #25-018):

- Standard agenda items
- Budget Adoption

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Item 8 : Announcements:

- None

Item 9: Adjourn; Motion by Kuefner / 2nd by Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.
Passed 4-0.

QCCIFD meeting minutes approved: July 30, 2025:

Dan Kuefner, Board Chair

James Holthouse, Board Clerk

Phil Ruscetti, Board Member

Ryan Doyle, Board Member