

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE PINETOP-LAKESIDE
TOWN COUNCIL, PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT,
NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND BLUE RIDGE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32 SUPERINTENDENT, HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 325 W. WHITE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, LAKESIDE,
AZ 85929**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Mayor Irwin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation offered by Keith Johnson, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Town Manager.

➤ **Roll Call**

The following Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council Members were present:

Name	Position
Stephanie Irwin	Mayor
Sterling Beus	Vice Mayor
Lynn Krigbaum	Council Member
Taber Heisler	Council Member
James Brimhall	Council Member

The following Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District Board Members were present:

Name	Position
Dave Smith	District Manager
John Beeler	Board Member

The following Navopache Electric Board Members were present:

Name	Position
Chuck Moore	CEO

The following members of the Blue Ridge Unified School District School Board were present:

Name	Position
Michael Wright	Superintendent
Chuck Waldo	Board Member
David Merrill	Board Member

The following Town of Pinetop-Lakeside staff were Present:

Name	Position
Keith Johnson	Town Manager
Kevin Rodolph	Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
Kristi Salskov	Town Clerk

2. Welcome and Introductions.

Mayor Irwin welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending. Introductions were made.

3. Update: Town of Pinetop-Lakeside.

Mayor Irwin gave updates on the following items:

- Construction of the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department.
- Police Department Grant to help purchase furniture and filing cabinets for the new Police Department building.
- Woodland Lake Park-Purchase and improvements.
- Scheduled repairs of Highway 260.
- Community Survey completion of results and an Action Plan.
- White Mountain Hot Air Balloon Festival.
- Façade Grant.

4. Update: Navopache Electric.

Chuck Moore, CEO, provided updates on the following items:

- Scholarship program.
- Events sponsored by Navopache Electric.

- System Improvements, Construction plans, and timeline of the new headquarters building.

5. Update: Blue Ridge Unified School District.

Dr. Michael Wright, Superintendent of Blue Ridge Unified School District gave updates on the following items:

- Dr. Wright thanked the Town for helping with snow removal.
- Update on Recreational Programs, sports, and arts.
- The need for an SRO (School Resource Officer). Dr. Wright thanked Dan Barnes, Police Chief for helping the school and always being available to them.
- School shootings and student safety.
- The need for new school buses.
- Challenges finding teachers.
- School repair projects.
- Partnership between the Town and the School District.
- Graduating Class of 2023.
- Issues with Vaping, Drugs, and the zero tolerance policy at Blue Ridge High School.

6. Update: Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District.

Dave Smith, District Manager for Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District gave updates on the following items:

- The Sanitary District is proud that they have been able to maintain rates for 6-7 years.
- Projects in the works.
- New GPS and GIS system.
- Committed Capacity 75-80%.
- Repairs and replacements at the treatment plant and stations.
- Challenges of “flushable wipes” and the issues and damage they cause at the plant.

7. Discussion of items of mutual interest.

No further items discussed.

8. Confirm host, date and time for next meeting.

The Blue Ridge School Board requested that the meeting in 2024 be moved to June stating that May is a very busy month for the schools. All agreed to having a meeting in June of 2024. Chuck Moore offered to host the joint meeting in 2024.

9. Agenda items for next meeting.

No new agenda items were discussed. All agreed that agenda items for 2024 will be updates from each entity.

Adjournment

The Joint Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Irwin

Stephanie Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Salskov

Kristi Salskov, Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council, Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District, Navopache Electric, and Blue Ridge Unified School District #32 Superintendent, held on the 15th day of May 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of May 2023.

Kristi Salskov

Kristi Salskov, Town Clerk

