



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 8, 2026

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District (District) was held at Station 5 and via videoconference on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

Director Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members present and constituting a quorum:

President Pete Ambrose

Vice President Mark Kell via videoconference

Treasurer Wayne Miller

Secretary Arlan Kluth via videoconference

Director Terry O'Neill via videoconference

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith

Others Present:

Dylan Woods, Coaty Woods, P.C. via videoconference

Ashly Dorey and Joan Beans, Community Resource Services, via videoconference

Neil Schilling, Schilling & Company via videoconference

Mike Palmer, Trustee

Gene Nagle via videoconference

Review and Approval of Minutes

Director Miller moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026, as presented. Upon second by Director Kluth, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as presented.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed by the Board members present.

Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Chief/Operations Report

- Chief Smith reported that the District responded to 42 calls in June.
- Mark Abrahamson is currently deployed to the Willow Fire.
- Lt. Kell, FF J. Smith and FF J. Eberl are deployed with Engine 656 on severity in New Mexico. Chief is aiming to swap out crews around the 15th of the month.



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- Chief hired all three candidates for hire; two of which have already started. All new hires will be working on 1-year probationary period, which can end early if determined to be appropriate.
- Chief provided a brief overview of the revision of SOG's, Probationary Task Book, and Paid Member Guidelines with the Board.
- Chief reported that he is still waiting for a final IGA review for the radios.
- Chief reported that the SCBA bottles were received, replaced, inventoried, and in service. He will submit a reimbursement for SCBA bottles.
- Awaiting update for VFA grant submitted for equipment; chain saws, scene lighting, hose maintenance storage, and cleaning racks.
- Chief reported that he obtained two bids for the IMMD cistern installation. He presented them to the Board for review and discussion. Spray foam insulation is not included in bids, would be an additional cost. No tanks have been ordered yet. Director Miller is going to reach out to one additional vendor.

Stations:

- Station 5 entrance was completed.
- Leaks were found in the cistern at Station 7; awaiting repair plan. Chief has received an estimate from Ground Works. He is researching the necessary permits.
- Awaiting containment basins to move one diesel tank and one gasoline tank over to Station 1.

Vehicles:

- Continued maintenance of all apparatus.
- Brush 65 is back and in service. Chief reported it will go back to be inspected at 1,500 miles.
- Engine 65 went to McCandless for loss of power and engine light. The EGR Cooler went out.
- Chief is inquiring about two 2500 trucks to potentially replace Command 6 and 600. Ideally, Brush 66, Command 6, and 600 would be sold as is. Chief is thinking about a long term plan for trucks.

Financial Matters

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for June, less wages paid to Dakota Kell. Upon second by Director Kluth, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
- Director Miller moved to pay Dakota Kell's wages. Upon second by Director Kluth, a vote was taken and the motion carried by majority. Director Kell abstained from the vote.

Legal Matters

Attorney Woods reviewed the IGA and will continue to review until there is an agreement.

Administrative Matters

Mr. Schilling of Schilling & Company was in attendance to present the 2025 Audit to the Board. He reported a clean audit and an unmodified opinion. After review, Director Miller moved to accept the 2025 Audit. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

There were none.



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Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Director Ambrose moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Miller, the motion carried, and Director Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that July 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on August 12, 2026.

DocuSigned by:

Pete Ambrose

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Pete Ambrose, Director