



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 12, 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, August 12, 2026.

Director Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members present and constituting a quorum:

President Pete Ambrose

Vice President Mark Kell via videoconference

Treasurer Wayne Miller

Secretary Arlan Kluth

Director Terry O'Neill

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith

Division Chief Mark Abrahamson

Others Present:

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

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

Director O'Neill moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2026, as presented. Upon second by Director Kluth, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

Director Ambrose requested the Board add a discussion and consideration of a request from Mr. Dennis Toeppen under Other Business. The Board approved the agenda as amended.

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 37 calls in July.
- Mark Abrahamson has returned from deployment in Oregon and Engine 656 has returned from New Mexico.
- All three new hires have started and are working through the probationary period.
- The department had one new volunteer apply and they have started.



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- Chief reported that the revisions of SOG's, Probationary Task Book, and Paid Member Guidelines are still being revised.
- He's received no update on IGA for the radios.
- Chief reported that the VFA grant was denied due to a requirement of 80% volunteer staffing.
- The department is researching the FRWRM Grant for Colorado Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) to help the community identify high risk areas, infrastructure that could be affected, identify digress routes, and create a mitigation plan. If the grant is received and the work completed, the information will be given to BLM and Forest Service as well.
- Indian Mountain MD cisterns are scheduled to be installed on August 31, 2026. Jefferson Heights HOA and Buffalo HOA are also interested in cisterns. Chief is working out the details for location placement.
- Michigan Hill HOA is still interested in reopening the burn pit.
- Chief provided cost detail for two 2500 trucks for consideration to purchase. The Board reviewed the trucks and their available options. One is intended to be a command truck and the other is to be used for multipurpose. After review and discussion, Director O'Neill moved to approve the cash purchase of two 2025 Ram 2500s to replace Command 6 and Command 600. Upon second by Director Kluth, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Stations:

- Chief presented a proposal from Grounds Work for Station 7 cistern; estimated to be about \$1,000 to evaluate what can be done before they can provide a complete proposal for work. The second vendor chief inquired with is not able to complete the work requested.
- Awaiting containment basins to move one diesel tank and one gasoline tank over to Station 1.
- Station 1 Bay Doors has been serviced.

Vehicles:

- Continued maintenance of all apparatus. Replaced several batteries this month.
- Repair of Command 6 suspension was completed.
- Engine 65 is still at McCandless for an in frame rebuild of cylinders 4, 5, and 6.

Financial Matters

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for July, less wages paid to Dakota Kell. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
- Director Miller moved to pay Wildfire Reserve. 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 noted that he can assist with the grant project as requested.



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Administrative Matters

Division Chief Mark Abrahamson provided an overview of the wildland fire billings and engine totals, with 23 assignments YTD. He noted that is about 60 engine days. Dakota Kell comes back on the 15th. He also mentioned that there is one engine boss candidate.

Ms. Joan Beans asked the Board for their approval to seek out new payroll software. Payroll with QuickBooks Online is presenting some challenges and is taking much longer to complete. The Board approved her request to look into better options.

Other Business

Dennis Toeppen, a property owner adjacent to Station 2, is working to acquire a holding tank or septic system and power. He is asking the department to confirm the property line. Director Ambrose is going to send him to Attorney Woods; they need a bit more information and recommend that Mr. Toeppen seek out a survey.

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 7:45 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that August 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on September 9, 2026.

DocuSigned by:

Pete Ambrose

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Pete Ambrose, Director