



Chaffee County Fire Protection District

499 Antero Circle
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

MINUTES

July 1, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

333 Burnette Ave., Poncha Springs, CO

Board of Directors:

Seat 1 – Thomas Navarrette
Seat 2 – Stuart Langrehr
Seat 3 – Bruce Shoff
Seat 4 – Gregg Grant
Seat 5 – Brent Jewell

Office:

Vice President/Treasurer
President/Chairperson
Director
Director
Director

Term Expires:

5/2029
5/2027 (Via Zoom)
5/2027 (Via Zoom)
5/2027
5/2029 (Absent)

Staff:

Kira Jones
Erynn Hickins

Fire Chief
Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Legal Counsel:

Dino Ross (via zoom)
James Silvestro (Via Zoom; executive session only)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Navarrette called the meeting to order at 3:39PM.

Vice President Navarrette moved to excuse Director Jewell. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Jones requested that the Board consider tabling Old Business item a. Review and consider adopting updated District Member Handbook," until the August 2026, regular Board meeting.

Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the July 2026 agenda, as amended. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

a. Review June 3, 2026, regular Board meeting minutes.

Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the June 3, 2026, regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Review June 11, 2026, special Board meeting minutes.

Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the June 11, 2026, special Board meeting minutes as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Review June 18, 2026, special Board meeting minutes.

Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the June 18, 2026, special Board meeting minutes as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ATTORNEYS' REPORT

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider approval of Cooperative Agreements with the Towns of Poncha Springs and Buena Vista for Enforcement of the Wildfire Resiliency Code with the District,.

Chief Jones presented the proposed Cooperative Agreements. Discussion followed.

Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the Cooperative Agreements for Enforcement of the Wildfire Resiliency Code as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Jones presented the financial report. Discussion followed.

Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the financial report and all bills paid in the month of June 2026, as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Jones and Captain Stromer presented the staff reports. Discussion followed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Table Member Handbook

Vice President Navarrette moved to table the District Member Handbook discussion to August 2026, regular board meeting. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion on Part-Time Employee Holiday Pay

Chief Jones presented her request regarding Part-Time Employee Holiday Pay. Discussion followed.

Vice President Navarrette moved to approve part-time employee holiday pay for Labor Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and a birthday holiday. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Impact Fee Review.

The Board discussed Director Jewell's concerns with the District assessing impact fees, which Director Jewell raised at the last regular Board meeting. The consensus of the Board was that assessing impact fees is appropriate.

10. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION PERIOD

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Receive advice of legal counsel on potential inclusion of area within Buena Vista C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Vice President Navarrette moved to go into executive session at 4:54 PM. Director Grant Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Ross certified for the record that the executive session would constitute a confidential attorney-client communication and would not be recorded.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:26 PM.

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. Possible action in connection with potential inclusion of area within Buena Vista.

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Navarrette moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL

We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Stu Langrehr, Board President

Erynn Hickins, Secretary to the Board

I attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.

Dino Ross, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session was confined to a topic authorized for Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b).

Stuart Langrehr, Board President