



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 11, 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, February 11, 2026.

President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:03 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
Captain Gerad Arrellano
Division Chief Mark Abrahamson
FF Kevin Yamagiwa
FF Josh Eberl

Others Present:

Dylan Woods, P.C. via videoconference
Ashly Dorey and Joan Beans, Community Resource Services, via videoconference

Review and Approval of Minutes

Director Miller moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting as presented. Upon second by Director O'Neill, 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

The District received apology letter from resident that wrecked his car and became hostile at the scene. The District also received thank you cards from Platte Canyon High School for helping with the recent wildfire.



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Chief/Operations Report

- Chief reported that the District responded to 18 calls in January, and there are changes to the system for calls for 2026.
- The District wide fire ban was lifted on February 4, 2026.
- Three individuals are currently taking the FF1 and Haz-Mat AW/OPS course at Platte Canyon. Testing is coming up in February and March.
- Mark Abrahamson was hired for the Wildland Division Chief position. Responsibilities include education and overseeing the air boss burner. He is currently working on Wildland training, deployment, and supplemental Engine Bosses. He is also assisting with getting caught up with wildfire billings. Mr. Amrahamson will also be working on community education and the District's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Chief is still tracking the wildfire billings; the state has slowed down in their distribution.
- Chief presented a Resolution for Board consideration, that would adopt a policy for the District to provide health insurance for retired firefighters after 20 years of service. There was some discussion regarding this proposed resolution, and the Board tabled the conversation.
- Went over IQS qualifications for wildland training.
- Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant has been submitted. Grant is for 12 new SCBA bottles with valves.

Stations:

- A new flagpole is being installed at Station 5 to replace the one that was blown away.
- Station 1 now has a generator in place, and the internet has been installed. Two beds have been placed. Station 1 is ready for use.
- Working to fix, replace or repair the cattle guard at Station 5.

Vehicles:

- Rescue 61 and 65 were auctioned off for \$46,000 and \$60,500 for a total of \$105,600.
- The department is awaiting a Brush guard for the completion of the new unit from Back Out Fire Apparatus, which is being scheduled for pickup. Chief recommend payment via check.

Financial Matters

- Chief discussed the new Wildland fund and explained the use of this fund. Director Miller made the recommendation to open a new checking account for this fund, as well as a sub-account in COLOTRUST. Joan will work on the checking account and Pete will work on the COLOTRUST account.
- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for January. 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 the state legislature is back in session and he will be keeping an eye out for anything that may affect this District.



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Administrative Matters

There was none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Director Ambrose moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director O'Neill, the motion carried, and Director Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the February 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on March 11, 2026.

DocuSigned by:

Pete Ambrose

Pete Ambrose, President