



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 13, 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, May 13, 2026.

Director Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith
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 April 8, 2026, as presented. Upon second by Director Miller, 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 reported that the District responded to 28 calls in April.
- Mark Ambramson is deployed to New Mexico, expected to be back on Friday. He jumped on the call to provide an update that he's been working with Chief Smith on the Wildland Fire billings. The first bill they submitted was paid immediately and the second and third are still in the State queue for processing. They are working together to learn how this process is completed for better clarity.
- Chief noted that the district was paid out on a lingering reimbursement from 2024 for \$13,000.



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- The department will be hosting a Wildland Preparedness Meeting for Indian Mountain on May 16th.
- The department will be hosting a Wildland Preparedness Meeting for Stagestop on June 13th.
- Engine 656 has returned from Texas.
- Chief is actively working on hiring three new entry level firefighters.
- Awarded Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention for SCBA bottles with valves. Orders were placed.
- Awaiting word on VFA Grant for equipment; chain saws, scene lighting, hose maintenance storage, and cleaning racks.
- Stagestop HOA wants to use Air Burner. WDC to coordinate.
- Planning for installs of the IMMD and more cisterns.
- Fire Danger sign is installed at Al Gulch Road. Another sign will be installed at 77 Stagestop Road.
- New Fire Danger signs were ordered by ES Council.
- Chief reviewed Starlink's program with an estimate of \$2,163.57 for three minis for three units. Reoccurring cost would be \$65/unit, annual cost is \$2,340.

Stations:

- Received quote to replace entrance to Station 5 totaling \$14,608. Director Ambrose moved to approve the quote from Solid Earth to remove the cattleguard and install a concrete slab. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
- Station 7 Cistern is currently in the process of being repaired or replaced
- Awaiting containment basins to move one diesel tank and one gasoline tank over to Station 1

Vehicles:

- Continued maintenance of all apparatus
- Engine for Brush 65 was lost during delivery. Chief contacted Johnson and Johnson for an update. There is a motor in Denver. New engine was ordered.

Financial Matters

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for April 30, 2026. 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 O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried by majority. Director Kell abstained from the vote.
- Ms. Beans noted that the audit should be done by the meeting on July 8th.

Legal Matters

Mr. Woods went over legislative updates.

Administrative Matters

Ms. Dorey reported that the Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) will be hosting regional workshops in early June. She noted that if any Directors were interested in attending, she would register them.

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 7:02 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the May 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on June 10, 2026.

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Pete Ambrose

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Pete Ambrose, Director