



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 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, March 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
Division Chief Mark Abrahamson via videoconference
Firefighter Dakota Kell

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 Miller moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026, with the correction of Eberl. 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.



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Chief/Operations Report

- Chief reported that the District responded to 28 calls in February.
- Firefighter 1 Academy is completed. One firefighter is awaiting Live Fire 3 for testing.
- Chief submitted the Fire Hazards Severity forms for all district subdivisions.
- Chief reported wanting to hire 3 new firefighters, one for each shift: A, B & C. He intends to implement the interview process a bit differently this time.
- Funds were received from the roller auction.
- Mark Amrahamson is currently deployed in Texas.
- Chief mentioned there is a potential for severity deployment to Texas towards the end of March if staffing allows.
- Severity Roll was paid from prior year of \$93,000 which resulted in about \$20,000 in profit.
- New apparatus is scheduled to be picked up next week; Chief will likely send Gene and Steve.
- Department has been experiencing some issues with radios. Working with dispatch and the State to troubleshoot after two telephone poles were moved and the 800s are not on towers yet. State did an inspection to ensure the equipment was in good shape. Per their equipment, everything is working as it should. Current radios were purchased back in 2004, Chief provided a proposal for the purchase of new radio, there are funds allocated in the budget. Following discussion of the quotes for purchasing new radios, Director Ambrose moved to replace radios for an amount not to exceed \$32,000. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried by majority.
- Awaiting Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant decision. Grant is for 12 new SCBA bottles with valves
- Actively working on VFA Grant and El Polmar Grant
- Waiting for AFG Grant and Safer Grants to open for submissions
- Stage Stop HOA would like to schedule the use of the Air Burner. Will coordinate with WDC.
- Planning for more installation of the IMMD and more cisterns.

Stations:

- Chief presented a proposal for the installation of an electrical drop in the office. The Board reviewed the proposal.
- Station 5 Cattelguard is currently in the process of being repaired or replaced
- Station 5 mechanics bay heater has been temporarily fixed (thank you Don Reyes!), HVAC will need to be repaired, which is estimated to cost roughly \$2,000. Radiant heaters are being monitored.
- Station 7 Cisterns is currently in the process of being repaired or replaced
- Station 7 will need a secondary bay heater
- Awaiting containment basins to move one diesel tank and one gasoline tank over to Station 1
- Blinds for station are reordered

Vehicles:

- Continued maintenance of apparatus
- New tires have been ordered and will be ready for install for Engine 65
- Engine 65 blew a tire, due to age, all six tires were replaced.



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Financial Matters

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for February 28, 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.

Legal Matters

Attorney Woods discussed the need for the District to adopt a Wildfire Resiliency Code by April 1, 2026. This results in implementation and enforcement will go into effect over the next few months. Code would be reviewed annually. Director Kluth moved to adopt the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Resolution as presented. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried by majority.

Administrative Matters

Joan reported that the new Colotrust and InBank accounts have been set up.

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 Miller, the motion carried, and Director Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the March 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on April 8, 2026.

DocuSigned by:

Pete Ambrose

Pete Ambrose, President