



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 8, 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, April 8, 2026.

Director Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Board Members present and constituting a quorum:

President Pete Ambrose
Vice Director Mark Kell via videoconference
Treasurer Wayne Miller
Secretary Arlan Kluth via videoconference
Director Terry O'Neill

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith
Steve Bargas
Gene Nagle
Don Reyes

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 March 11, 2026, as presented. Upon second by Director Kell, 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

Gene Nagle addressed the Board and first asked how charitable donations were accounted for and where those funds are tracked. He then asked, regarding wildland firefighting, if there were any outstanding reimbursements owed to the District. Finally, he asked about the pay scales for staff in 2026 and if they increased. Chief Smith confirmed that donations are accounted for in the General Fund revenue. He also noted that there are no longer any outstanding reimbursements owed for wildland fire and wages were increase at the beginning of 2026.



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Chief/Operations Report

- Chief reported that the District responded to 24 calls in March.
- Mark Ambrahamson is still deployed in Texas.
- On April 6, 2026, Engine 656 was deployed to Texas for 21 days. Lieutenant Kell and two volunteers went.
- On April 22, 2026, there will be a meeting held at 17:00 by the BOCC for the Fire & Evacuation Preparedness Community Meeting.
- Chief is actively working on hiring three new entry level firefighters. Four applications received for the open positions. Next step is one 24-hour shift with each crew.
- Awarded Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention for SCBA bottles with valves. Orders are placed.
- VFA Grant is submitted for equipment, chain saws, scene lighting, hose maintenance storage and cleaning racks.
- The department is working with Stage Stop HOA to schedule use for the Air Burner. WDC to coordinate.
- Planning for installs of the IMMD and more cisterns.
- Placing Fire Danger Signs along Stage Stop Rd and Al Gulch Rd.
- New Fire Danger Signs ordered by ES Council

Stations:

- Station 5 Cattleguard is currently in the process of being repaired or replaced
- Station 7 Cisterns 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 apparatus
- Brush 65 has a bad engine. Bid for new motor and installation is attached.
 - Following discussion, Director Ambrose moved to replace the engine, with an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Upon second by Director O'Neill, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
- New rescue is in-service

Financial Matters

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for March 31, 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

There were none.



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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.

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 7:09 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the April 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on May 13, 2026.

DocuSigned by:

Pete Ambrose

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Pete Ambrose, Director