



## Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 14, 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, January 14, 2026.

#### **President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:28 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  
Deputy Chief Steve Bargas

##### Others Present:

Don Reyes  
Mike Palmer  
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 the December 10, 2025, meeting 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.



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### **Chief/Operations Report**

- Chief reported that the District responded to 49 calls in December, 391 calls for the 2025, representing an increase of 61 calls compared to 2024.
- Three individuals are currently taking the FF1 and Haz-Mat AW/OPS course.
- As of today, the district has been in a burn ban for a total of 30 days.
- The cistern at Station 7 is still under consideration regarding how to proceed.
- Mark Abrahamson was hired for the Wildland Coordinator position. Responsibilities include education and overseeing the air boss burner. He is also assisting with getting caught up with wildfire billings.
- 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.

### **Stations:**

- Station 1 now has a generator in place, and the internet has been installed. There are plans to move one diesel and one gas tank to the station, to make it more self-sustaining.
- Station 5 gravel work has been completed. Containers are set up, and the District is working with a welder to connect the two containers. Painting is ongoing, with carpet installation scheduled following completion for the office and bedrooms. The restrooms and hallways are done; the office and crew areas will be finished this upcoming week. Carpet and cabinets have arrived.
- A quote was received to replace eight older windows with triple-pane windows at a cost of \$7,395.

### **Vehicles:**

- Continued maintenance and repair of apparatus.
- Rescue 61 and 65 have been repaired, cleaned and all equipment has been removed. They are ready to go to auction.
- We are waiting for further update from Out Back Fire Apparatus regarding the new unit.

### **Financial Matters**

- Following review and discussion, Director Miller moved to approve the financial reports and bills for December, less wages paid to Dakota Kell. Upon second by Director O'Neill, 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 was none.

### **Administrative Matters**

There was none.

### **Other Business**

There was 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 Miller 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 January 14, 2026, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on February 11, 2026.***

DocuSigned by:

*Pete Ambrose*

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Pete Ambrose, President