

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF VOLUNTEER PENSION BOARD MEETING

Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station 2

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Approved: February 9, 2026

Attendance

Board Members Present: Chris McCann Eric Tunkey, Jack Dietrich, Ken Lodovico, Matt Halvorson, Andrew Gitin, Beth Schumacher

Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Rob Weisbaum, Veronica Jarolimek, Corey Tibljas

Changes to Agenda

Pension board meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by Board Chairman Chris McCann. There were no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from February 11, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Dietrich, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Review of FPPA Reports – Quarter 2 and 2025 Actuarial Report

CEO Caffrey presented the FPPA financial reports for Quarter 2 and the 2025 Actuarial Report. The Volunteer Pension plan is currently 95% funded at current contribution rates and the Actuarial Report projects the plan to be fully funded at the current benefit level. The Board had no questions regarding the report.

Review of Jarolimek Pension Request

Board Member Matt Halvorson recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.

CEO Caffrey provided an overview of Veronica Jarolimek’s pension service credit request. He noted that the Pension Board has authority to grant additional years of service. The statutory minimum requirement was 36 hours of training; additional requirements were internal departmental rules at that time. Historically, the pension trustees appear to have acted appropriately under the rules in place when granting activity status.

Board Discussion:

Chairman McCann invited questions regarding Jarolimek’s submitted letter and requested comments from current pension recipients (Tunkey, Dietrich, Gitin, Schumacher).

Beth Schumacher noted that EMS and Fire training requirements differed historically. Dietrich shared that he completed approximately one year of training before becoming active and asked whether Veronica was aware of pension eligibility rules in 2014. In response to the discussion CEO Caffrey clarified that in 2009, Veronica was employed as an Administrative Assistant with

the fire district but also responded to calls as a volunteer. In 2013, Jarolimek became the CBFPD Volunteer Coordinator, and by 2014 was FPPA-eligible for the regular pension. Corey Tibljas commented that Veronica frequently participated beyond her job duties at CBFPD and that there had been a long waiting list for volunteer firefighters at the time. McCann summarized that Veronica appears to meet the state training requirement, though there remains some gray area in earlier service years. He noted no issue granting a full year of credit for 2014, but service years 2003–2004 present more significant concerns.

Motion by Dietrich to approve the pension service credit request, Lodovico seconded. Yes vote by Schumacher, Dietrich, Lodovico, Tunkey and McCann. No vote by Gitin. Halvorson abstained. Motion passes 5-1.

Unscheduled Business

Trustee Gitin reviewed the actuarial report and proposed increasing the monthly pension benefit to \$1,000. CEO Caffrey explained that at the current \$800/month benefit, the fund is 95% funded. Increasing to \$1,000/month would reduce funding to approximately 76%. The District currently contributes \$115,000 annually to match pension obligations. To maintain 100% funding at \$1,000/month, the District's contribution would need to increase by over \$100,000 annually. Caffrey recommended waiting until the fund reaches full funding at \$800, noting that the number of participants creating future liabilities is expected to decline by 2027, at which point an increase may be more feasible.

Motion by Trustee Gitin moved to increase the monthly pension benefit to \$1,000, seconded by Schumacher. Yes vote by Gitin, Schumacher. No vote by Lodovico, Tunkey, Dietrich and McCann. Halvorson abstains. Motion fails.

Motion to adjourn the volunteer pension board meeting at 6:20 pm by Lodovico, seconded by McCann. Motion passes unanimously.