

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Fire Station 1  
300 CR 317 Crested Butte, CO 81224  
Monday, February 6, 2026 - 5:15 PM  
Approved: March 10, 2026

Attendance

Board Members Present: Matt Halvorson, Ken Lodovico, Jack Dietrich, Brittany Perkins  
Guests: Todd Goulding- Goulding Development Advisors, Chris Stryker -Western Slope Towers LLC  
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Robert Weisbaum, Jeff Duke, Dale Hoots, Randy Felix, Ric Ems, Adam Murdie, C-Shift, Rob Glow, Kemble Widmer, Jonathan Holton, Kevin Schiferl, Carolyn Schiferl, Michael Reily

Changes to the Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Board Chairman Ken Lodovico  
No changes to the agenda

Consent Agenda

Approval of the January Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approval of Monthly Financial Reports for January  
Motion to approve the consent agenda by Dietrich, seconded by Perkins. Motion passes unanimously.

Fire Prevention Report

Deputy Fire Marshal Dale Hoots presented the written report to the board. There were questions from the board regarding the water supply at the Whetstone construction project.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report. Call volume in general is down likely due to the lack of snow. Katie Haper and Kirby Clock are resigning as they are unable to continue as reserve members. Captain Jay Bettencourt passed his Colorado AEMT test. A full-time position has been offered to one candidate from recent interviews, with a second offer expected next week. There were no questions from the board.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey presented his written report. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for the emergency services campus was issued by Gunnison County on Friday.  
The Fire Marshal selection process is moving forward with interviews scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>. Two internal candidates, Dale Hoots and Joe Wonnacott, have applied. Candidate questions are expected to be distributed by the end of the week, and CEO Caffrey introduced the five-member interview panel to the board.  
Joe Wonnacott has served as Interim Fire Marshal since September 2025. Motion by Dietrich, seconded by Perkins, to award Wonnacott a \$5,000 bonus. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Updates- Chain of Command Policy and Organizational Chart are under review. The Sick Time Policy is being updated so new employees receive preloaded sick time, rather than accruing at 1 hour per 30 worked.

- Full-time: 80 hours preloaded
- Part-time: 20 hours preloaded
- Retroactive scale: 2025: 80 hours, 2024: 60 hours, 2023: 40 hours, 2022 or prior: 20 hours
- Sliding scale for part-time employees (20 or 10 hours)

The lit CBFPD sign over the bays can change colors CEO Caffrey presented a policy to designate the colors on

the sign.

### Public Comment

Kevin Schiferl, of 307 Larkspur Lane Loop, addressed the board with concerns regarding:

- The Larkspur development and the District's authority to pursue employee housing.
- Cited Colorado statute 32-1-101 and requested written clarification from attorney John Chmil about the District's legal authority, financing, and ownership structure of any proposed housing development.
- Questioned why a special district should engage in providing employee housing.

### Old Business

#### Search and Rescue Lease Clarification & Finalization

Updates included:

- Lease updated to begin February 15.
- Discussion focused on the termination clause. Current draft gives:
  - CBSAR: 30-day termination
  - CBFPD: 2-year termination
- CBSAR requested removal of CBFPD's 2-year termination clause.
- Board supported aligning all major review items to 5-year terms.

Motion by Halvorson, seconded by Dietrich, to remove the 2-year termination provision and adopt the lease as written with all terms consolidated into 5-year review periods. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Article 6 Insurance Requirements

- Insurance limits of \$2 million / \$2 million to be reviewed by legal counsel.
- Item tabled.

#### **Crested Butte South Communications Tower**

Chris Stryker joined via Zoom for a communications update. The monopine tower will be ordered in the next two weeks and a design package is expected next month. The water line relocation is being tracked with an easement creation recommended; the surveyor will prepare the legal description.

#### **Emergency Services Campus Update**

The north drive slope has been adjusted from 5% to 4%, with permanent paving scheduled for completion by June 30. Discussion continues regarding the grade transitions at the roadway, the 8-foot sidewalk, and ADA access near the electric vehicle charging station. Duke reported that engineers initially planned to lower the entire ramp and rebuild the north sidewalk, but he prefers a permanent fix similar to the current design to present to the County. The elevator has been fully inspected, and fire prevention has signed off, though the dry hydrant inspection remains pending. Training building props will be installed by month's end, warranty items with FCI are being finalized, and the overall project budget is expected to close out on or under target.

#### **Larkspur Projects Update**

A packet has been submitted to the Larkspur DRC, with Ben White leading the upcoming meeting. The District is working with attorney John Chmil to prepare the required open-bid materials, including a bid packet and draft contract. Clarification has been requested from the Larkspur HOA regarding setback requirements compared with the County plat, with current plans using 10-foot setbacks. The District's authority to provide member housing stems from a 2016 Service Plan amendment, aligning with similar provisions used by the transit authority and county hospital. Assistant Chief Duke is coordinating with designers to ensure the proposed housing meets WUI and fire-safe construction standards.

### New Business

The updated Board of Directors bylaws include:

- Standard public comment procedures.

- Clarification that board officers will use titles Chair and Vice Chair rather than President/Vice President. Motion by Dietrich, seconded by Perkins, to adopt the updated bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

Unscheduled Business and Board Member Comments

Assistant Chief Reily and Chief Weisbaum presented board members with board mugs.  
No additional unscheduled business or board member comments.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm by Perkins, seconded by Dietrich. Motion passed unanimously.