CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Fire Station 1
300 CR 317 Crested Butte, CO 81224
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - 5:15 PM
Approved: July 14, 2026

Attendance

Board Members Present: Matt Halvorson, Brittany Perkins, Jack Dietrich
Guests: Scott Stryker & Chris Stryker -Western Slope Towers LLC; Todd Goulding- Goulding Development Advisors
Staff, Volunteers and Public: Sean Caffrey, Annie Tunkey, Robert Weisbaum, Jeff Duke, Joe Wonnacott, Dale Hoots, Randy Felix, Beth Shaner, Jeff Isaac, Ryland Bradley, John and Aimee Bielak, Luke Danek

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Vice Chairman Dietrich

Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda

Board Member Vacancy Appointment

Ryland Bradley and Jeff Isaac introduced themselves to the Board.
Dietrich moved to appoint Ryland Bradley and Jeff Isaac to the vacant Board seats; Perkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Oaths of Office were administered to both new Board members.

Officer Elections

Motion to appoint Brittany Perkins as Secretary/Treasurer Matt Halvorson Chairman by Dietrich seconded by Isaac. Motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented for approval:

- Minutes of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting
- Minutes of the June 1, 2026 work session
- Monthly financial reports

Dietrich moved to approve the consent agenda; Perkins seconded. The motion passed 3–0, with Isaac and Bradley abstaining.

Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Joe Wonnacott presented the written Fire Prevention Report to the Board. In addition to the written report he noted that the Community School's life safety systems are currently on test as construction has resumed. The water supply project at Whetstone has been delayed for two weeks, with completion now expected at the beginning of July. A pre-plan meeting was held for the North Village development.

EMS & Fire Chief Report

Chief Weisbaum presented his written report. Highlights included: the District will host the community health fair over three days, June 10-12. Call volume is down but training progresses. Two part-time members have completed the FTO and will receive their badges next month. Final inspection of the District's new Quint apparatus is scheduled for next month in Minnesota, with delivery to Fort Collins in August and arrival in Crested Butte expected in late August or early September.

Chief Executive Report

CEO Caffrey presented his written report. In addition to the report, he noted that the recent open house was successful and well received by the community. Regarding the budget, a Gunnison County Treasurer's fee error was caught and was credited back to the District this month. The District's workers' compensation carrier will change in July to either Pinnacol Assurance or the Special District Association (SDA) Pool. A family-friendly barbecue and fireworks event will be held at Station 1 on July 3rd.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Old Business

Crested Butte South Communications Tower- Scott Stryker provided the latest update: the Gunnison County building permit is ready. On the utility side, the project is awaiting water service and a Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) easement from the Property Owners Association (POA). Mobilization is planned for next week to begin the water line relocation, followed by electrical relocation by the end of June. Foundation work is expected to begin around July 14th, with a 3–4 month schedule to be provided at the next meeting. CEO Caffrey added that the radio equipment order is underway, and the State of Colorado's Office of Public Communications has offered to install the equipment at no charge.

Emergency Services Campus Update- Todd Goulding presented the update; the project is now in the closeout, turnover, and warranty phase. FCI is expected to demobilize by the end of June or in July. Commissioning is nearly complete, with HVAC commissioning the primary remaining item to ensure system efficiency. The lift station has been submitted to the State for approval but is currently backlogged. The Town of Crested Butte submitted two minor requests: to raise a pipe and to brace an electrical panel. FCI's stormwater management permit and plan will be turned over to CBFPD; however, due to drought conditions this year, minimal landscaping work will occur. The project remains under budget. The final draw package is expected in August, with approximately $700,000 remaining in contingency, representing projected net savings of $450,000 at project close. CEO Caffrey provided a budget update, noting that $1.2 million will be held back from the bond issuance for the employee housing project, balanced against a bond arbitrage rebate; leaving an estimated $1 million available for the housing project.

Larkspur Housing- The Larkspur Homeowners Association (HOA) has approved the proposal the 10 foot side setbacks on the lot and the design packet is now with the design review committee for further review, after which bidding will follow. The setback approval applies only to the duplex lot; it does not apply to EM-3, as there is no pending application for that lot.

New Business

The Board discussed how the Wildfire Resiliency Code will apply to the District. Dietrich moved to approve Resolution 2026-6-1, adopting the 2025 Wildfire Resiliency Code (Version 1.0), excluding all appendices; Perkins seconded. Isaac and Bradley abstained. The motion passed.

Staff provided a high-level explanation of the CBFPD Fire Code, noting that Gunnison County does not adopt a fire code, while the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and the Town of Crested Butte have adopted the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC). Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 2026-6-2, adopting the 2021 International Fire Code, with local amendments, as the fire code of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District; Perkins seconded. Isaac and Bradley abstained. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed a memo regarding capital reallocation for vehicle lifts, included in the meeting packet, which will increase safety for mechanics. The lifts are mobile units, rather than being bolted to the floor, and can be stored out of the way when not in use. Halvorson moved to approve the capital reallocation, with no anticipated impact on the total capital expenditure budget; Dietrich seconded. Isaac and Bradley abstained. The motion passed.

CEO Caffrey, the District's only employee under an employment contract, announced that his contract expires December 31, 2026, and he will not seek renewal in 2027. He provided a letter expressing appreciation for the opportunity to have served and noted that he will notify staff tomorrow. The Board will need to discuss future leadership options. Caffrey also noted that the property at 11 Paradise Road will be sold, and the District has the right of first refusal; notice was given today. Dietrich thanked Caffrey for his service. Dietrich does not recommend filling the CEO position in its current form and suggested the District move toward a more traditional fire service structure.
A work session is scheduled for June 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Unscheduled Business and Board Member Comments

No unscheduled business or board member comments.

Dietrich moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.; Perkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.