Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO
with TeleCon Attendance Option Available

Call to Order:
The Regular meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call:
Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, Dan Johnson, John Piotti, Jonathan Sinclair and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Deputy Chief Rick Ihnken, Interim Deputy Chief Lou Laurina, Interim Division Chief Ryan Grafmiller, Battalion Chief Ryan Cole, Lieutenant Steve Wantuck, EMS Coordinator/Union President Chris Romano, Firefighter Medic Andrew Segura, Firefighters Jordyn Butler and Chris Cuculis, Fuels Crew Lead Matt Gerjol, Fuels Crew Technicians Riley Westman, Eric Tiede, and Hunter Louth, Wildland Technician Sam Hirsh, Acting Deputy Marshal Aaron Myers, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Meghan Layfield, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, People and Workplace Experience Director Karen Steen, People and Workplace Experience Business Partner Erin Mumma, Accounting Manager Jessica Fuller, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, Billing & Coding Specialist Martha Bird, Finance Director and Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

Guests:
John Miller, Attorney with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC
Elizabeth Woodward, Attorney with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC
Abigail Tietjen, Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District
Carolyn Russo, Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District

Approval of Agenda:
M/S/P Sinclair and Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:
None

Consent Agenda:
The following items were presented:
Minutes: May 19, 2026 Regular Board meeting
Warrants: May 16, 2026 – June 12, 2026
Financial Report for all funds – May 2026
After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

<u>Finance Report</u>
Finance Director Hartley reported on the May financials and updated the Board on the FirstBank/PNC Bank transition effective June 22, 2026. The Finance team held the 2027 budget kick off meeting and staff are working on their operating and capital budget requests.

<u>Chief Report</u>
Interim Fire Chief Schenking honored Engineer Fava as the leader of the District's Honor Guard. Engineer Fava's dedication to this role has been extremely important to the community, especially with the loss of a Dillon Police member. Engineer Fava proactively reached out to the Town and offered his support and assistance. Interim Fire Chief Schenking also reported an upcoming retirement of Battalion Chief Kuhns from Red, White and Blue FPD.

Interim Fire Chief Schenking lastly reported on the key milestones achieved by the District from the ongoing 11th Edition Accreditation cycle.

<u>New Business:</u>
Consider Approval of Cistern Easements from Three Property Owners
Attorney Woodward presented an update on the three easements from property owners Barr, Knopf, and Morano for the water cisterns and appurtenant related facilities for fire suppression purposes. The easements allow the District access to the cisterns to use and operate the cisterns for local fire suppression and/or other emergency response purposes. The easements provide that the District will repair any damage to the cisterns which results from gross negligence, and will annually refill water in the cisterns with its own equipment to maintain a source of water for local fire suppression. All other operation, repair, and maintenance costs to keep the cisterns in good working order remain the responsibility of the property owners.

M/S/P Johnson and Sinclair to approve the three cistern easements as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

First Reading – Memorandum of Understandings for the Union Collective Bargaining Agreement
Interim Fire Chief Schenking presented the first reading of two memorandums of understanding for the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Board will be asked vote on at the July Board meeting. The first memorandum considers a change to establish increased pay rates for Lieutenants acting as Long-Term Acting Captains and to provide pay for Paramedics performing certain field training. The second memorandum concerns an adjustment to the manner in which sick leave is provided to newly hired employees, to adjust from immediately providing 720 hours for line covered members to 96 hours, and to adjust from immediately providing 520 hours for non-line covered members to 80 hours when they begin employment with the District.

Consider Approval of the First Amendment to the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District (CMCMD) Fire Station Lease Agreement

Interim Fire Chief Schenking and Finance Director Hartley presented the First Amendment to the CMCMD Fire Station Lease Agreement. The District has been working with the Executive Director of CMCMD since 2025 to create a more streamlined calculation of the respective costs to be covered by the Lessee and Lessor. The calculation in the current lease has created administrative challenges, delays in invoicing, and repeated review of charges historically not paid by the District. In an effort to promote intergovernmental cooperation and improve administrative efficiency, the District requested the Board to approve this First Amendment.

M/S/P Johnson and Sinclair to approve the First Amendment to the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District Fire Station Lease Agreement.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Review and Discuss the Draft 2027 Budget Calendar
Finance Director Hartley presented the 2027 budget calendar to the Board and asked to schedule the Board annual budget work session for September, 2026.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a special Board Budget Work Session on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, beginning at 8:00 am.

Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Summit County for Enforcement of the Wildfire Resiliency Code
Interim Fire Chief Schenking and Attorney Powell reminded the board that in March, 2026, the Board approved the Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) as required by state law. Approval of the WRC was "phase one", and now the District is working on "phase two", which is enforcement of the WRC. Chief Schenking and Attorney Powell informed the Board that there are two distinct enforcement components of the WRC to consider, the first component being fire mitigation and is the second being building code issues. The Agreement presented divides these duties between the District and the County, with the District being responsible for enforcing the fire mitigation elements throughout its jurisdiction, and the County being responsible for the building code elements within the jurisdiction.

M/S/P Sinclair and Johnson to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Summit County for Enforcement of the Wildfire Resiliency Code.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Continued Business
Accreditation Board Training
Interim Fire Chief Shenking shared the District's progress on Category 3 of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International framework, which is the strategic planning category and includes specific goals and objectives for the organization, as well as an actionable implementation plan.

Staff Reports:
Attorney: In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell shared that the 2026 legislative session ended on May 13, and she will be sending out the annual legislative legal advisement in the next two to four weeks.

High Country Training Center: No updates beyond the written report.

Local 4528 Union Update: No written or verbal report this month.

Wildland: In addition to the written report, Wildland Specialist Ohlson reported that the County has moved into very high fire danger and Stage 1 fire restrictions this week.

Admin Support Services and Community Risk Division/Community Risk Reduction/Community Resource Officer: No updates beyond the written report.

Operations: No updates beyond the written report.

Board Comments
None

Executive Session:
M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel regarding upcoming decision on proceeding with the Fire Chief hiring process.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Powell certified for the record that the Executive Session constitutes privileged attorney-client communications and would not be recorded. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:23 AM.

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to move out of Executive Session at 11:15 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 11:16 AM.

Possible Action on Fire Chief Hiring and Employment Agreement
M/S/P Sinclair and Johnson to continue discussions with Interim Fire Chief Schenking.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Adjournment:
M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Approved this 21st day of July 2026.

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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.

Emily Powell, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to the topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President