



Authority Meeting Final Board Minutes: 08/18/2026

Call to order: 9:06 authority meeting.

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Arthur, Treasure Striegler, Board Member Duroux, Board Member Heivley (Lifesize), Board Member Young, Attorney Cole (Lifesize), Facilities Director Klein (Lifesize), Snowmass Village Town Manager Kinney (Lifesize), Chief Thompson, Secretary Diamond, HR Director Thomas, Fleet Supervisor Espinoza, Station 42 (Lifesize), IT Director Johnson, Fire Marshal Stottand Deputy Chief Cornelius.

Minutes: Board Member Young motioned to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from 7/21/26. Treasurer Striegler seconded the motion. All Board Members favored accepting the meeting minutes; none opposed.

Attorney Report: Attorney Cole advised the Board that his office continues working on the employee personnel policy manual.

-Attorney Cole told the Board his office is reviewing an Aspen Hope Center document for peer support services.

-Attorney Cole informed the Board his office has been working on the sales tax election ballot question. Chief Thompson explained to the Board that, for the Snowmass and Basalt ballot question, they will overstate revenues to avoid a Tabor refund. Basalt Board Members will see the ballot language at the meeting tonight at 5 pm.

-The last project Attorney Cole spoke about was the Station 42 condominiumization, breaking out the dispatch center as an ownership unit so they can secure financing through a lease-purchase COP financing.

Chief Report: Chief Thompson gave the Board a construction update, saying we are on track for mid-October completion and within budget.

-Board Members asked questions about the employee housing project. Chief Thompson said we are waiting for the Eagle County master plan, which will allow us to get zoned for housing. Chief Thompson added that it was supposed to be done this summer; the planning director advised waiting until it is complete. Chief Thompson explained that we cannot submit the plan to the County if it is not zoned correctly. Chief Thompson said once the property is zoned, we can work on what we can put on the property; and we would likely look for a partner or two to go in on the housing portion. Chief Thompson informed the Board that we have a two-bedroom at Wilits that is not rented at this time; Chief Thompson stated it feels like we have met our employees' needs for right now.

-Chief Thompson said mitigation projects are ongoing. Chief Thompson reminded everyone of the fire danger, stating that we do not want a chainsaw to start a fire.

-Facilitator Update: Chief Thompson told the Board they received six applications for the Facilitator; interviews are set up for tomorrow, and a decision will be made; the process should be finished in the fall.



Finance Report: (given by Chief Thompson) Chief Thompson told the Board there was no report from finance; advised that they paid the communication center \$185,000 with ongoing monies to pay regular bills.

HR Report: HR Director Thomas said she has been working on the policy manual with the attorney's office; she is expecting to present it to the Board in October with an executive summary.

-HR Director Thomas said she completed the salary survey, which will go to finance for budget planning.

Fire Marshal Report: Fire Marshal Stott told the Board that Eagle County is adopting their rezoning map on November 3rd.

-Fire Marshal Stott informed the Board that National Night Out was well attended.

-Fire Marshal Stott advised they have been busy with 87 assessments and 35 public outreach activities completed.

Deputy Chief Cornelius Report: Deputy Chief Cornelius said our call volume increased 15% in July, but is down 12% year to date. Hoping for a strong ski season.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius reminded the Board that HR is working on compensation tables and will adjust the numbers in anticipation of the sales tax. Deputy Chief Cornelius said they added a 15% benefit adjustment for the anticipated increase, which was another \$70,000.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board the Iturri project will close out on September 1st. Deputy Chief Cornelius said this will be the 5th Iturri delivered to RFFRA.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius said Tender 42, a 97 Salsbury, was donated to the Central Conejos County Fire Protection District. Deputy Chief Cornelius also informed the Board that they sold the former Thomasville apparatus to the same jurisdiction and it is still in use. Chief Thompson said it was much appreciated, as they have a \$40,000-a-year budget.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius gave the Board a paramedic update: Three CMC paramedic students graduated on July 31st. Deputy Chief Cornelius said three more of our crew members start the paramedic program August 10th. Deputy Chief Cornelius reminded the Board that this is a year-long program.

Facilities Report: Facilities Director Klein told the Board about a leak we had three weeks ago at Station 45 where water came into the quartermaster room, and damaged a Comcast conduit; we lost power, and water poured onto the generator control and switch gear; the generator is outside and was not effected.

. Facilities Director Klein said we do not have a working generator at this time. Facilities Director Klein said we're working with insurance and will have numbers by the end of the week. Facilities Director Klein said our insurance will cover it and that we will go after Comcast to get reimbursed for the damage.



IT Report: IT Director Johnson informed the Board that cybersecurity training is beginning soon; it is mandatory for anyone holding a Roaring Fork Fire Rescue email. IT Director Johnson told the Board to look out for an email from Know Before. Board Members, reach out to IT Director Johnson if you have any questions.

-IT Director Johnson said Station 42 infrastructure is underway, and new equipment is being ordered. IT Director Johnson said Comcast is running fiber to the station. IT Director Johnson reminded the Board that Stations 45, 41, and 42 are all getting fiber optic service with speed, etc.

Master Plan Update: Chief Thompson says the master plan is in process with Station 42's construction updates.

Public comments: None

Board Member Comments: Board Member Young shared a positive outcome story with the Board where he was able to see the paramedics at work; he believes we are a model in this industry and is proud of our organization. Board Member Young is proud of how the public perceives RFFRA. Board Member Young does not think it was appropriate for Board Members to hear staff complaints and thinks problems may lie with the minority vs the majority of our staff. Board Member Young praised Treasurer Streigler for following our attorney's direction and echoing it to the Board. Discussion on the survey.

-Board Member Heivly added to Board Member Young's comments, stating he should have gone to the Chief first, then the Board with the complaints that came to him. Board Member Heivly expressed a positive intent, saying this is how he will move on if this happens in the future.

-Board Member Duroux is glad to see crew members taking advantage of the education we can offer to support our citizens.

-HR Director Thomas let the Board know we will be having a new volunteer academy at Station 42; will post soon in Oct-Nov and use the new station.

-HR Director Thomas said the comradery graduation was well received; a big shout out to Lt. Clark getting them through the academy. HR Director Thomas said this structure will move forward with new members.

Staff Comments: Fleet Supervisor Espinoza gave an update from fleet. Fleet Supervisor Espinoza thanks the Board for your support with the maintenance facility saying it has much safer workflow, & can handle bigger fabrication projects. A big thanks!

-Fleet Supervisor Espinoza informed the Board we are up to 63 vehicles in the fleet. Fleet Supervisor Espinoza told the Board that we have an ambulance for sale at \$50,000 but we are not getting any hits and asks the Board if we can lower the asking price to \$40,000. The Board asks if we have a needy recipient, thinking we could donate it, maybe to the Central Conejos County Fire Protection District. They added liking the fact that the ambulance would stay in



Colorado. Chief Thompson favors the approval of this as a donation ambulance.

-Chief Thompson told the Board there will be an open house on Saturday October 31st from 11 to 3 p.m. Secretary Diamond will post it as a meeting so all Board Members may attend.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Treasure Striegler motioned to end the meeting. Vice President Arthur second the motion. All Board Members favored passing the motion and the meeting ended at 9:53 a.m.

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