



Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District

Snowmass Regular Meeting final Minutes: 5/19/2026

Call to Order: 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call: President Striegler, Vice President Heivly (Lifesize), Board Member Arthur, Treasurer Boineau (Lifesize), Board Member Spitz, and Tom Dunlop.

Others In Attendance: Chief Thompson, Finance Director Thompson, Deputy Chief Cornelius, HR Director Thomas, Secretary Diamond, IT Director Johnson, Fire Marshal Stott, and Assistant Fire Marshal Pidcock.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Arthur motioned to approve the Board Minutes from 1/20/2026. Board Member Spitz seconded the motion; all Board members favored passing the minutes, none opposed.

Chief Report: Chief Thompson informed the Board that he has been working with the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative, which has recently finished a wildfire mitigation study in Snowmass Village. Chief Thompson said this study identified about 800 acres of mitigation needed to protect the village. Chief Thompson told the Board that this study identified homes that will survive a wildfire vs those that will not. Chief Thompson said that, moving forward with grant monies from homeowners, the Collaborative, and the District, we have about \$765,000 to fund the mitigation process. Chief Thompson said we will begin by selecting some contractors to work on either HOA or the Town of Snowmass property. Chief Thompson said work is underway to share the map, so the data can be extracted and used.

Chief Thompson said this Thursday at 5:30 p.m., at the Town of Snowmass Village Council Meeting RFFRA will give a presentation on wildfires, and RFFRA will have a table there to answer any questions. Chief Thompson added that on June 4th at 6 p.m., there will be another informative meeting at the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, hosted by the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative, focusing on proactive preparedness for wildfire in the Roaring Fork Valley. Chief Thompson said the Wildfire Collaborative held a public wildfire mitigation meeting at TACAW in Basalt, and the event sold out. Chief Thompson said the public is interested in preparing for wildfires and wants the public to be well-informed.

Chief Thompson said Pitkin County is using the Ready, Set, Go system. Chief Thompson said this program helps with the pre-evacuation of people with horses and other large animals, preparing them first and helping alleviate road congestion.



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Chief Thompson said we are using a new mapping system called Genesis, which is tied into Eagle and Pitkin County Maps. Chief Thompson said that for those with the Watch Duty AP, you will be able to see the complete maps for each county.

Chief Thompson said a lot of work goes into wildfire preparedness, which can stop fires by using backfires where mitigation has been done.

Chief Thompson said the Snowmass Town Council wants to go back to people whose sites are not complying, and they are working on a plan for these homes. Chief Thompson said pulling a building permit in the Town of Snowmass Village will require compliance with the wildfire resiliency code.

Finance: Finance Director Thompson said we received a clean audit for Snowmass and that it was sent to everyone via email last week. Finance Director Thompson asked if anyone had any questions regarding the audit. No Questions. Finance Director Thompson said if it is okayed by the Board, she will approve it with the auditors, and they will get it printed.

Finance Director Thompson told the Board that the 2017 bond from Stifel can be refinanced next year, and we will need to take action in September to start the process. Finance Director Thompson said this will save us \$100,000 a year if these numbers continue or stay the same. The Snowmass Board is in favor of moving forward with the refinance.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Board Member Arthur motioned to end the meeting. Board Member Spitz seconded the motion. All Board members favored ending the meeting, and it ended at 8:44 a.m.

To watch the meeting in its entirety: <https://youtu.be/8p-RKucnRiY>