Chaffee County Fire Protection District

499 Antero Circle
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

MINUTES

March 4, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

333 Burnette Ave. Poncha Springs, CO

Board of Directors:	Office:	Term Expires:
Seat 1 – Thomas Navarrette	Vice President/Treasurer	5/2029
Seat 2 – Stuart Langrehr	President/Chairperson	5/2027
Seat 3 – VACANT	Director	
Seat 4 – Gregg Grant	Director	5/2027
Seat 5 – Brent Jewell	Director	5/2029

Staff:	
Kira Jones	Fire Chief
Erynn Hickins	Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Dino Ross	Legal Counsel (via zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

   President Langrehr called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   President Langrehr moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

   a. February 4, regular Board meeting minutes

   Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the February 4, 2026, regular Board meeting minutes. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT *(See rules below)

   None.

5. ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Attorney Ross presented his report. Discussion followed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Consider Approval of Resolution establishing CORA Policy

      Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to adopt Resolution 2026-02 as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   b. Consider Approval of Automatic Aid Agreement with Hartsel FPD

      Following review, Vice President moved to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   c. Discussion on Part-Time Employee Benefits

      Chief Jones provided the Board with an overview of possible part-time employee benefits. Discussion followed.

   d. Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Fees

      President Langrehr moved that no action be taken on this matter. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   e. Consider Approval of Fee Schedule for Mitigation Project Work

      Chief Jones provided an overview of the Fee Schedule for Mitigation Project Work. Discussion followed.

      Vice President Navarrette moved to adopt the Fee Schedule for Mitigation Project Work as amended. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   f. Consider Approval of Apparatus Purchase Agreement

      Following review, Vice President Navarrette moved to approve the Apparatus Purchase Agreement as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   g. Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Community Leasing Partners Contract Documents to Finance Portion of Apparatus Purchase Price

      President Langrehr moved to adopt Resolution 2026-06 as presented. Vice President Navarrette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   h. Consider "Letter of support for Buena Vista High School"

Following review, President Langrehr moved to approve the "Letter of support for Buena Vista High School" as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Review and Consider Resolution 2026-03 Adopting a Fee Schedule for Emergency Services Authorized by Federal or Colorado Law

Following Review, Vice President Navarrette moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03 as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Review and Consider Resolutions 2026-04 and 2026-05 Adopting the Wildfire Resiliency Code within the Town of Poncha Springs and Chaffee County.

Following Review, Vice President Navarrette moved to adopt Resolutions 2026-04 and 2026-05 as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Following review, President Langrehr moved to approve the financial report and all bills paid in the month of February, as presented. Vice President Navarrette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Jones provided an overview of the February staff reports. Discussion followed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of Updated Seasonal Wildland Job Descriptions.

Following review, President Langrehr moved to approve the Seasonal Wildland Job Descriptions as presented. Director Grant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION PERIOD

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Executive Session to Receive Advice of Legal Counsel on Organizational Structures and Process for Realignment of Boundaries pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b)

President Langrehr moved to go into executive session for the purpose stated at 4:48PM. Vice President Navarrette seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Ross certified for the record that the executive session will constitute a confidential attorney-client communication and will not be recorded.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:56 P.M.

12. POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

13. ACTION ITEMS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Langrehr moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 P.M. Vice President Navarrette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL

We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

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Stu Langrehr, Board President

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Erynn Hickins, Secretary to the Board

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

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Dino Ross, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session was confined to a topic authorized for Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b).

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Stuart Langrehr, Board President