



Oak Creek Fire Protection District

Board Meeting Minutes

June 9th 2026

Call to order 6:30 pm

A meeting of Oak Creek Fire Protection District was held at 131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO on June 9th, 2026

Attendees

Attendees included: Skyler McKinley, Vice President; Eric Kimsey, Treasurer; Mike Roach, Secretary in person; David Park, President - via Zoom

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Dwane Osadchuk, Director

Community Input

None

Agenda Modification Consideration

None

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meeting were reviewed and approved:

Regular Board Meetings:

May 12th, 2026

Special Board Meetings

May 28th, 2026

Financial Review

- Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements including details of revenues and expenses and status of property tax revenues received.
- The property tax revenue payment of June was received today, as of May 31st there is a balance due from the county \$482,000
- The Impact Fees account is currently at \$30,000 with \$102,000 in receivables.
- There were a few questions from the board and Karrie answered those. The financials were approved.
- David Park would like to meet with Karrie and download Yampa Valley Community Foundation account information and encouraged a continued good working relationship with the Municipal Asset Management Corporation.

New Fire Chief Recruitment

The Board confirmed that Gary Gula has accepted the position of Fire Chief and has a starting date of July 1st. Mr. Gula was on the Zoom call and conveyed that he and his wife were very excited about the opportunity to join the District. Housing has been secured in the Stagecoach area, and they will be moving up the last week in June.

Welcome Aboard Chief!

Chief's Report

- Captain Reilley presented the Chief's report as Capt. Shephard is out on leave.
- Calls are a little below the normal levels for the District for this time of year, but it is expected to stay in the normal range.
- The District will be losing FF Mitch Riffice to a District in Virginia. Sorry to see you leave but best of luck in the future. A promising candidate has been recommended to the District, so this should be a smooth transition.
- The Special District Assoc has awarded and received to the District in the amount of \$2,040 for a great safety record last year and this will go to Helmets.
- No Deployment are going on at this time, but the Wildland crews have been working mitigation for Stagecoach Association while waiting to be deployed. David Park appreciated the early season attention to those needs and for Captain Fretwell engagement with the management of SPOA. One crew does expect to go to Plumas CA on the 18th if not deployed elsewhere.
- The man camp has been sold and 3 of the units have been moved and the other 10 will be moved soon. The 3- Type 3 engines are to be auctioned on Thursday.
- The Fire Danger has gone from Low to High overnight. Yampa Fire had a ranchers burn reignite due to the conditions and this was taken care of.
- Engine 812 has some pump issues that will need maintenance- Heads up Karrie.

David Park has tendered his resignation effective at the end of this meeting. Mayor
McKinley declined to accept it and asked that David stay on until the end of the month
so a smooth transition of financial and operational information can be done. David agreed
and a meeting was set with Karen Lippman - Financial Advisor. David did resign from the
President's role and was replaced by Eric Kinney and second from Mike Beach for Mayor
McKinley to become the new President of the Board. Vote to approve was unanimous. It
was discussed and agreed the Vice President would be filled at the next meeting when a
new Director is appointed by the Board.
Mayor suggested the District move to a 7 member Board with the intent to give a wider
representation of the District. The topic of the process which would take several months
to complete and asked for this to be discussed at the next meeting. There was no
discussion with the staff present. It was asked that some research be done to see what
other districts do and also have some feedback from the Board. It was also stated that
because if a Director misses 3 consecutive meetings, they can be removed from the Board.

Director's Highs & Lows

President McKinley said the High for the District
Started by commending David Park in that since he started in 2013, the District has
made huge leaps in service and staffing and public engagement. The understanding of the
District operations by the entire Board and the leadership through all the transitions has
been commendable. David also added that the Board and the staff have stepped up in a
big way to navigate these changes with the support of ethics and always looking at the
benefit of the District.
Mike Beach and Eric Kinney reiterated their gratitude to David and extended a warm
welcome and thank you to Chris Galt and stated they would be happy to help with the
expanding to Bull County and the District.

Next Meeting

July 14th, 2014

Agenda

7 pm

7/1/2014

Date of Approval

Apr. Yes
May 12. No
No

District Governance

- David Park has tendered his resignation effective at the end of this meeting. Skyler McKinley declined to accept it and asked that David to stay on until the end of the month so a smooth transition of financial and operational information can be done. David agreed and a meeting was set with Karrie Littman- Financial Admin. David did resign from the President's role and nominations from Eric Kimsey and second from Mike Roach for Skyler McKinley to become the new President of the Board. Vote to approve was unanimous. It was discussed and agreed the Vice President would be filled at the next meeting when a new Director is appointed by the Board.
- Skyler suggested the District move to a 7 member board with the intent to gain a wider representation of the District. He spoke of the process which would take several months to complete and asked for this to be discussed at the next meeting. There was a bit of discussion with the staff present. It was asked that some research be done to see what other districts of our size have done regarding this issue. It was also stated that per statute if a Director misses 3 consecutive meetings, they can be removed from the Board.

Director's Highs & Lows

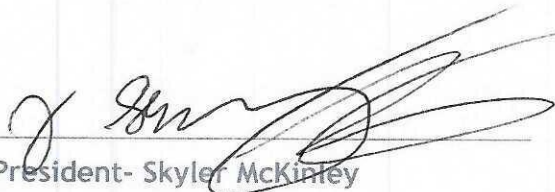
- President McKinley said the High for the Directors-
- Started by commending Dave Park in that since his start date in 2023, the District has made huge leaps in service and staffing and public engagement. The understanding of the District operations by the entire Board and the leadership through all the transitions has been commendable. David also added that the Board and the Staff have stepped up in a huge way to navigate these changes with the upmost of ethics and always looking at the benefit of the District.
- Mike Roach and Eric Kimsey reiterated their gratitude to David and extended a warm welcome and thank you to Chief Gula and stated they would be happy to help with the onboarding to Routt County and the District.

Next Meeting

- July 14th, 2026

Adjournment

7:27 pm



President- Skyler McKinley

7/14/2026

Date of approval