



Oak Creek Fire Protection District

Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 8th 2026

Call to order 6:39 pm

A meeting of Oak Creek Fire Protection District was held at 131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO on Sept 8th, 2026

Attendees

Attendees included: Skyler McKinley, President; Eric Kimsey, Treasurer; Mike Roach, Secretary, Buffy Pryke, Director, in person; Martin Woodrow, via zoom

Members not in attendance

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Community Input

Dwane Osadchuk of the Lucky 8 Bison Ranch stated that as a Director of the OCFPD, he has witness the amazing work the Board and staff has accomplished over the past few years but that the hardship of filling the vacancy of Chief has left the District at a disadvantage. He suggested that research into county wide consolidation of Fire District would be in the best interest of all the smaller districts like Oak Creek.

Agenda Modification Consideration

Additions: Staff Surveys

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meeting were reviewed and approved:

Regular Board Meetings: Aug 11th, 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 as of Aug 31st there is a balance due from the county \$60,000
- The Impact Fees account is currently \$48,870. It was decided to leave the payment schedule as is for the time being.
- There were a few questions from the board and Karrie answered those. The financials were approved.

Budget

- The Board and Karrie Littman will be working on a draft budget to present at the October Board meeting. Skyler, Eric and Karrie will meet. A wish list has been sent out to the command staff and crew for additions and improvements for the upcoming budget.

President's Report

- The Board invited Morgan to present his findings on the improvements needed to be made to the Stagecoach Station. The doors were the top priority, due to the fumes that perinate in the living quarters every time an engine is called out. The fan system is part of the problem as well. The exterior is also in need of repair, wainscot, soffit, staining, window and cracks from the ice dams all need to be addressed. Mike Roach will let the Board know when he has quotes for this work and the Board can call a special meeting for approvals. Jeremy Blalock will reach out to the manufacturers and see if there are grants available for these repairs.
- The Board acknowledged the sudden and unfortunate resignation of Chief Gula. Skyler stated that the Board can assist with some of the duties of the District but first wants to make sure the house is in order and to figure out the governance.
 - For the first month the District will work on a shared command, where the Captain on Duty is the person in charge of operations. Personal matters and Chief duties will be brought to the Board. Kenyon was asked to make a list of the Duties of the Chief.
 - For now to 6 months- The Board is consulting with Steamboat Fire to see if an agreement can be created whereas members that is familiar with Oak Creek Fire can mediate or consult on matters that are beyond the scope of the Captain on Duty
 - Long term - The Board may look at an interim chief that does not live here but retired and can mediate and consult with the Board and Command Staff. The idea of County wide consolidation was briefly discussed.
 - In the meantime, Kenyon and the Command Staff will alert the Board of any new or ongoing issues. A memo will be created for information passing and approval for action items.

Command Report

- Captain Shephard reported that the number of calls was 20 last month to include two wildfire calls and two Mutual Aid calls.
- The Wildland crew and Engine 861 are in Texas now on deployment. They will be coming home next week. The Tender is on the Board.
- Ambulance 822 has been inspected by the State, and we are expecting that license to come in any day.
- Captain Shephard let the Board know that the District is working with the Town of Oak Creek to pursue a Mitigation grant for the Oak Creek Mountain Park.
- Labor Day Celebration was a success- netting \$1,700 in donation for the Bison Burgers.

Public Comment #2

- Morgan Olufsen- Stated that the resignation of Chief Gula was totally unexpected and did not see that coming.
- Martin Woodrow- Wanted to Thank the District for the quick response to a lightening strike near his home recently. Jeremy Blalock was the Commanding Officer.

Executive Session

- The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personal matters.
- Action from the Executive Session was a motion was made to promote Firefighter Olufsen to the rank of Lieutenant and increase his compensation according. Morgan has displayed the desire and skill to lead and command his crew effectively and professionally. Congratulations Lieutenant!

Other Business

- None.

Next Meeting

- Oct 13th, 2026

Adjournment

8:29 pm



Vice President- Eric Kimsey

10-13-2026

Date of approval