RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 14, 2026
STATION 41
1850 RAILROAD AVE., RIFLE, CO 81650

Chairperson Lambert called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:
Dick Miller, Secretary
Alan Lambert, President/Chairperson
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Video Conference)
Addy Bristol, Vice President

Others Present:
Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel (Via Video Conference)
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Operations Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Kevin Alvey, Battalion Chief (Via Video Conference)
Bill Smith, Lieutenant (Via Video Conference)
Jarad Robbins, FF/EMT (Via Video Conference)
Zach Nicolli, FF/EMT (Via Video Conference)
Colin Mason, FF/Paramedic (Via Video Conference)
Johanna Remster, Haynie & Company (Via Video Conference)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Chief Sackett requested that B) Additional Staffing Discussion be added under Old Business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes of June 9, 2026, Public Hearing –Supplemental 2025 Budget
b. Minutes of June 09, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
c. Minutes of June 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting
d. June 2026 Financial Reports
e. June 2026 Accounts Payable Reports

Vice President Bristol moved to approve the purchase of the Type 6 Engine. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

a. Station 61 Progress Update

Chief Sackett provided an update on the Station 61 renovation and expansion, reporting that the helical piers have been completed and rebar installation has begun for the foundation and stem walls. Concrete forms were being placed, and the water main tap for the station was completed. Upcoming work includes construction of the pier caps and grade beams, with no current project delays anticipated.

b. Additional Staffing Discussion

Chief Sackett and EMS/Operations Division Chief VanSlyke requested authorization to increase staffing to 45 positions due to anticipated attrition and the upcoming academy. They explained that the additional position would allow the district to hire a strong candidate from the current recruitment process, avoid entering the academy understaffed, and potentially reduce overtime costs.

Vice President Bristol moved to approve additional staffing to 45. Treasurer Milton-Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY GRANT TRACKER UPDATE:

To be included in August 2026 report

WILDLAND/SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATES:

Wildland & Support Services Division Chief Pigati reported that the wildland division experienced a very active June and July. He recognized crews for supporting partner agencies following recent firefighter fatalities and noted that wildland billing had reached approximately $1.6 million. He also thanked fleet and facilities personnel for their continued work maintaining apparatus, ambulances, stations, and other district equipment during the busy fire season.

EMS/OPERATIONS UPDATES:

EMS/Operations Division Chief Van Slyke recognized personnel who worked extended hours, returned on days off, and backfilled stations during the Willow Creek and Dry Creek fires to ensure continued coverage throughout the district. He also thanked mutual-aid and auto-aid partners for their support during the high call volume. Chief VanSlyke reported and partner agencies for their professional responses to the Willow Creek Fire and a May 17 lightning-caused structure fire. The correspondence highlighted the district's quick response, teamwork, and positive impact on the community.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Director Haderlie expressed her appreciation to everyone.

Secretary Miller expressed pride in the Division Chief/Fire Marshal Moon, who was previously one of Secretary Miller's students.

Vice President Bristol thanked Jarod Robbins for presenting the Type 6 engine information and recognized the value each employee brings to the organization, including the important work performed behind the scenes by administrative staff. She also expressed concern about the current wildland fire conditions and recent firefighter fatalities, encouraging all personnel to remain alert and prioritize safety during deployments.

Treasurer Milton-Baker expressed appreciation for the Type 3 and Type 6 engine comparison, noting that the information would help the Board make decisions regarding safe and efficient equipment. She thanked staff for their dedication and hard work, expressed condolences for the fallen firefighters and their families, and encouraged all personnel to remain safe during the ongoing drought and active fire season.

President Lambert recognized personnel for their exceptional response to the Willow Creek and Dry Creek fires. He thanked the team for their dedication, professionalism, and continued service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business coming before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVAL:

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 11 Aug 26 Bristol

Date: Aug. 11, 2026 Cedria Milton-Baker

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