

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 13, 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:

Addy Bristol, Vice President (Via Conference Call)
Dick Miller, Secretary
Alan Lambert, President/Chairperson
Paige Haderlie, Director

Board Member Absent:

Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer (Excused)

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel (Via Conference Call)
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Operations Division Chief
Zach Pigati, Wildland/Support Service Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
Kevin Alvey, Battalion Chief (Via Conference Call)
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant
Jonathan Baker, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Joe Farstad, Wember, Inc.
Jerrod Merriam, Battalion Chief
Bill Smith, Lieutenant

Director Haderlie moved to excuse Treasurer Milton-Baker from the meeting. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of December 9, 2025, Public Hearing – 2026 Budget
- b. Minutes of December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- c. December 2025 Financial Reports
- d. December 2025 Accounts Payable Reports
- e. December 2025 Lexipol Policy Review

Secretary Miller moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Haderlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:

Attorney Ross provided updates on the progress of the renovation of station 61, including negotiation of a construction contract with the General Contractor, Shaw Construction. He also discussed items related to the issuance of Certificates of Participation to finance the station 61 construction project.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Fire Chief Sackett provided updates on upcoming Board actions, the Station 61 Certificates of Participation process, and coordination on implementing a county-wide wildfire resiliency code. He also discussed training priorities, and facility improvements. He thanked CRFR personnel for their continued dedication and professionalism.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Fire Chief/Administration: Review and Consider Resolution No. CRFPD-2026-01-01 Establishing 2026 Meeting Schedule and Posting Locations**

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed the proposed Resolution setting for the 2026 regular meeting schedule and official locations for posting notice of regular and special meetings and confirming alternating meeting locations between Rifle and Newcastle.

Secretary Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. CRFPD-2026-01-01. The motion was seconded by Director Haderlie. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Fire Chief/Administration: Review and Consider Station 61 General Contractor Contract**

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed the status of the Station 61 general contractor contract. Attorney Ross reported the agreement with Shaw Construction was approximately 98% complete, with minor items remaining.

Following discussion, Director Haderlie made a motion to authorize Chief Sackett, the Owner's Representative, and legal counsel to complete negotiations with Shaw Construction and to authorize President Lambert to execute the construction contract documents. Secretary Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Fire Chief/Administration: Review Steps to Hire Financial Advisor for Station 61 Financing and Ratify Hiring of Bond/Disclosure Counsel.

Fire Chief Sackett, Attorney Ross, and the Board discussed the need to hire a municipal/financial advisor for the Station 61 Certificates of Participation financing and the proposals received from Stifel and Ehlers. The consensus of the Board was to schedule a special meeting to further consider this matter. Chief Staff will coordinate scheduling the special meeting.

Attorney Ross advised the Board that based on the Board's prior direction, President Lambert signed an engagement letter with Klein, Alvarado, and Veio to serve as bond and disclosure counsel. Secretary Miller made a motion to ratify President Lambert signing the engagement letter. Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

a. Fire Chief/Facilities: Review and consider approving OZ Architecture Station 61's additional service -scope of work alignment with the estimated budget increase and construction type.

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed with the Board Oz Architecture's request for an additional \$137,205 for services it has and will perform due to the scope of the Station 61 construction project changing from a pre-engineered metal building to a traditional wood and metal construction method. The Board discussed the unanticipated cost increase.

Following discussion, Secretary Miller made a motion to approve the additional architectural services set forth in Oz Architecture's November 21, 2025, proposal with a \$137,205.00 increase in fees and estimated reimbursable costs of \$6,861.00, and to authorize Chief Sackett to sign the proposal. Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Fire Chief/Facilities: Review of Station 61 Renovation Progress Report.

Fire Chief Sackett provided an update on the Station 61 project, reporting that design development was approximately 90% complete and transitioning toward construction-ready documents. He also noted an upcoming meeting with the Town of Silt to address civil and stormwater issues, with additional public outreach planned as the project progresses.

WILDLAND/SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATES:

Wildland & Support Services Division Chief Pigati provided an update across divisions, including wildland preparations for the upcoming season, completion of off-season repairs, and completion of pile burns. Recruitment efforts for seasonal wildland positions were also reported. Fleet and maintenance completed repairs to equipment, supported airport tender preparations, and continued routine facility and grounds maintenance.

EMS/OPERATIONS UPDATES:

EMS/Operations Division Chief Van Slyke reported on flu-related staffing challenges and commended personnel for maintaining service levels. He also recognized FF/Paramedic McGregor's certification achievement and noted completion of quarterly live-fire training and ongoing recruitment and retention efforts.

PREVENTION UPDATES:

Prevention Division Chief Moon presented the year-end statistics for inspections and code enforcement, highlighting the numerous site plan reviews, special meetings, and fire alarm and sprinkler inspections conducted throughout the year.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:

reported on the successful transition to the new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) system and the increase in 911 call volume for the year. Chief Sackett noted that IT Director Gredig has become a valuable resource for other departments with the NERIS implementation.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:

Administrative Director Tillman discussed the busy month of December with budget preparations and the coordination of benefits and payroll changes for the new year. She also mentioned the successful holiday party organized by Administrative Support Assistant Valencia.

DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:

Fire Chief Sackett shared several positive updates, including the successful completion of BLS and ACLS training led by Acting Battalion Chief Kevin Carlson, recognition of Firefighter Antonio Archuleta for defensive driving that prevented an accident, and CRFR's participation in a community wedding event.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice President Bristol expressed appreciation for the discussion and feedback provided during the meeting and apologized for not being able to attend in person.

Director Haderlie thanked the District for hosting the recent holiday party, noting the value of involving the employees' families and strengthening connections across the organization.

Secretary Miller expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

President Lambert thanked the District for hosting the recent holiday and awards banquet, noting the value of family participation and recognizing the achievements of award recipients. He suggested sharing award recognitions through media to increase public awareness and expressed appreciation for continued efforts to keep projects moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business coming before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:09 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: 2/10/2020

Sh. M. Lambert

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Haderlie