



# Oak Creek Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes Mar 10th 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 Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Attendees

Attendees included Skyler McKinley, Vice President; Mike Roach, Secretary; Dwane Osadchuk, Director - in person and; David Park, President - via zoom

## Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Eric Kimsey, Treasurer

## Community Input

None

## Agenda Modification Consideration

None

## Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meeting were reviewed and approved:

Feb 10th, 2026

## Financial Review

- Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements including details of revenues and expenses and status of deployment revenues received- to date only the last Plumas deployment of 2025 has yet to be paid and the two new deployments of Hohnbaum and Atherton are still in the que. This enabled the District to get all personal paid in full and most of the accounts payable to get current.

- Today the first property tax revenue payments were received and this will enable all the rest of the obligations to be satisfied. A large portion of this will be placed in the Colo Trust account for later in the year so if cash flow becomes an issue we may be able to circumvent it. Hopefully the Colorado State Fire Billing will operate this year in a more timely course of business.

## New Fire Chief Recruitment

The job description posting has proven fruitful and the District received 11 applicants. The Board just prior to this meeting reviewed the lot and have selected 6 to schedule zoom interviews with over the next couple of weeks. From this it is expected that there will be a few to have in-person interviews with a larger group to include members of the community. The Board wanted to reiterate that this position is not one to outsource to an outside organization as the District is a stand alone entity and not associated with the County or the Town. President Park wanted to thank everyone for laying the groundwork to bring us to this point.

## Colorado Wildland Resiliency Code

After a short refresher of the code, and to establish a consistent set of codes throughout the county, a motion was made to adopt the CO Wildland Resiliency Code. The motion passed unanimously. By Statue, a 15 day notice will be given and the adoption of the code will be presented again at the April meeting.

## Chief's Report

- Calls were back to normal levels for the District- and then our newest firefighter started yesterday, and we have had 3 calls in two shifts. We hope for the community this rate does not continue. At the same time, we are welcoming Kameron Chesson from Louisiana to our crew. During the interim of short staff, two Steamboat Fire crew members have assisted with filling in a few shifts. Thank you, Nick & Dillon,
- The District and Firefighter Olufsen has been preparing to conduct a Fire Academy with the other Districts of the County. It will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be ongoing for 12 weeks.
- At the monthly Chief's Breakfast, the polygons for the Evacuation Zones have been established. This will create efficiency at a time of urgency and decisiveness.
- The Type 3 engines are closer to being ready for auction. Cleaning up documents and equipment is being done. The man camp will also be available for the auction. The intent is to have all items ready to go when the inspectors show up so they only must come once.
- Captain Tim Hohnbaum submitted his resignation as he has been offered and accepted an offer to command the Wildland Division for the Netherland Fire District. We are sad to see

him go but wish him all the best. Tim thanked the Board and the District for the opportunity and the time spent at Oak Creek Fire.

## Director's Highs & Lows

- Vice President McKinley said the High for the Directors-
- Moving forward with many very good candidates for the Chiefs position
- And that the timing is actually good because this time has allowed the Board to become familiar with the operations of the District and the key points of what to expect of a Chief and the attributes that will be looked for in the new Chief. They already knew some but now they have a greater understanding.
- Thank you to Interim Chief Shephard for his resiliency and patience while this process has played out. It has been commendable.
- President Park stated that the professionalism of the recruitment process has shown through and that an agency could not have done as well.
- Chief Shepard thanked Skyler for the great assistance with the quality of the correspondence that was delivered. It made all the difference in attracting quality candidates.

## Next Meeting

- April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting

## Adjournment

7:09 pm



President- David Park

04/14/26

Date of approval