



# Oak Creek Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes Dec 9th 2025

**Call to order 6:35 pm**

A meeting of Oak Creek Fire Protection District was held at 131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO on Dec 9, 2025

## Attendees

Attendees included David Park, President; Skyler McKinley, Vice President; Mike Roach, Secretary; Eric Kimsey, Treasurer; Dwane Osadchuk, Director

## Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: None

## Community Input

Manda Marvin & Erik Dahlstrand presented a request for a waiver of the Impact Fee that had been assessed to their building. Since it is a replacement for an existing structure, the Board approved this request and 100% waiver was granted.

## Agenda Modification Consideration

None

## Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed and approved:

Nov 11th, 2025

## 2026 Budget Presentation

- The 2002 Election language was discussed and the impact on the proposed budget. Suggestions from a couple of governmental agencies were that this De-Bruce voter approved ballot issue made the District exempt from the upcoming 5.15% ceiling on

revenues. So the Board moved forward adopting the updated 2026 budget. The following motions were made, discussion was open, seconds occurred and the vote was unanimously approved.

1. Motion to acknowledge the information in the May 2002 Ballot Issue A that allows the District to collect and use all revenues related to Art X Sec 2 CRS
2. Motion to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026- Resolution 2026-201
3. Motion to approve that Resolution 2026-201 supersedes prior approved budgets
4. Motion to Adopt Certified Mill Levy and Revenue Amounts Resolution 2026-202
5. Motion to Adopt Appropriate Sums of Money- Resolution 2026 203

## Financial Review

- Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements including details of revenues and expenses and status of deployment revenues received and yet to be received. The payments from the Fire Billing Service have not paid and the AR is still growing, over \$900,000, so this is making the cash flow difficult. Cash Flow forecast show that if they begin to pay, the District will be fine, tight but okay. The Board had a few more questions, and they were answered. The Board approved the financials.
- Ambulance Funding- The grant for the \$118,000 of matching funds has been received and that money has paid down the note at the YVCF. David Park has asked and received an extension on the payoff until the time that the Fire Billing revenues are paid. A 45-day extension has been approved by the Foundation

## New Fire Chief Recruitment

The job description has created, and the fine points are being worked out. One of the items of discussion was the future focus to develop a volunteer program again for the District, all thought this was important. The final draft will be sent to the attorney on Thursday and by Monday it should be ready for distribution.

A Big Thank You was given to Kenyon Shepard for stepping up as the Interim Fire Chief during this time.

It has become evident that there are many details that have been lost in the transition of leadership in the District, and it was suggested that at some point the Chief Wisecup may be called to visit and educate the Board and staff on the many details of the District

## Chief's Report

- The Annual Routt County Operation Plan is ready to be signed in Feb. Going forward this will be a bi-annual task which everyone agreed was a good thing.

- The DFPC Fire Fighter Safety & Health Grant is open, and the District will be working on that submittal.
- The EMS Supplemental Grant has been submitted, and the next tasks will come in Feb.
- The Website has been updated to be ADA compliant, which is mandated. The software company services have been updated, and the added layer of compliant assurance has been added.
- Fire Marshal Reilley has come through his surgery successfully and is home healing. He is expected to have a 2-3-month healing but will be doing administrative work as the healing permits. Best wishes Bob!
- Oak Creek's new Police Chief has started, and the crew has meet him and looks forward to working with him.
- Mitigation & Deployments: The crews have been finishing up work at SPOA and the billing has occurred. Slash Pile burning is next on the scheduled work
- The District has an unfilled Captain/Training Officer position. They will try to fill this in the spring.
- Surplus Equipment Sales- Captain Fretwell discussed the possibility of repairing the two Types 3 Engines for staging at different ends of the District for effective response. There was no update on the auctioning of the man camp.

## Director's Highs & Lows

- David Park said the Low for the Directors was when President Park had to request an extension of the bridge loan from the Yampa Valley Community Foundation due to the stonewalled receivables at the State Fire Billing.
- David Park said the High for the Directors was when the Yampa Valley Community Foundation approved a 45-day extension to the bridge loan.
- Mike Roach asked about the determination of the Health Insurance Company that the District contracts with, in that the health policies would not to be offered to Board Members in 2027. Mike reminded the District that this was a stipulation/promise to Board members serving the full terms that they would be able to sign up for the Districts plans. So, it is assigned to staff to find a new policy before the end of 2026.
- The Board has directed the staff to offer Zoom links to each meeting and have this available on the agenda going forward.

## Next Meeting

- Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting

Adjournment

8:11 pm

President- David Park

1/13/2026

Date of approval