

RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Time: 3:30 pm Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Location: 316 N. Main Street, Breckenridge, CO 80424

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:43 pm by Director Doré.

2.0 Roll Call

X Austyn Dineen Excused Britton Fossett X Philip Gudlewski X Randy Nations
X MK Doré

X Chief Nelson X Chief Hoehn X Finance Off. L. Johnson EMS Division Chief Levi
 Training Division Chief Nordeen X WL Division Chief Matt Benedict
 Battalion Chief Oese X Local 4325 Member John Kivlan X Noelle Valentine (Recording Secretary)

3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

- April 23, 2026, regular meeting minutes
- April 2026 Claims
- May 2026 Claims

M/S Directors Dore/Nations to approve the April Consent Agenda. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

5.0 Discussion of Financial and Budgetary Report

- The board had no questions or concerns with the variance report or income statements.

6.0 Citizen Comments & Matters of Public Hearing

- Citizens' Comments
No citizen comments before the board; in addition, two matters were presented for Public Hearing.

6.0 Unfinished Business

- Collaboration Updates - Chief Nelson reported that Summit Fire & EMS (SFE) is currently negotiating with Chief Schenking to serve as its Fire Chief. Chief Nelson also met with the fire

prevention staff from both SFE and Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District (RWB) to discuss continued alignment and future collaboration between the organizations. During his recent vacation, Chief Nelson maintained weekly check-ins with both Deputy Fire Marshals to support ongoing coordination.

Director Dore asked whether Chief Nelson had begun transitioning responsibilities at SFE. Chief Nelson responded that both agencies are working toward a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Director Dineen inquired about the proposed structure of the MOA. Chief Nelson explained that the agreement would provide Fire Marshal services to SFE, including oversight of fire code administration, coordination of inspection and code enforcement practices between the two agencies, and ongoing guidance and technical support as needed.

7.0 New Business

- Approval of Resolution 2026-10, a Resolution Proclamation Honoring the Retirement of Battalion Chief Paul Kuhn
- M/S Directors Dore/Gudlewski to approve Resolution 2026-10, a Resolution Proclamation Honoring the Retirement of Battalion Chief Paul Kuhn. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

8.0 Executive Session

- No anticipated Executive Session

9.0 Staff and Committee Reports (as time permits)

- Finance Division Updates –L. Johnson
 - Finance Officer Johnson reported that she has begun working on the 2027 budget.
- Administrative Division Updates – Nelson
 - Chief Nelson reported that Summit County has entered Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. He also advised the Board that the District has deployed a crew to assist with a wildfire near Rifle, Colorado. Chief Nelson reported that he discovered a former employee was still listed on the Colorado Trust documentation and that the necessary updates are being made. He also advised that he has been asked to inspect construction projects throughout the District to allow construction activities to continue during Stage 2 Fire Restrictions under approved restrictions and mitigation measures. Director Dore shared a letter from the Breckenridge Golf Club recognizing Firefighter Tony Steele for his actions during an incident at the golf course. Director Nations inquired about the District's lock replacement project and the estimated cost. Chief Nelson responded that the existing locks are approximately 15 to 20 years old and that the proposed replacement system would provide centralized management through a single access control platform.
- Operational Division Updates – Hoehn
- EMS Division Updates – Levi
- Wildfire Division Updates – Benedict
 - Chief Benedict reported that fire danger has increased to Extreme and that Stage 2 Fire Restrictions will take effect on Friday. He provided an update on current fuel conditions and low soil moisture levels, noting that both continue to support elevated wildfire risk.

Chief Benedict reported that the District recently fulfilled a Mountain Area Mutual Aid (MAMA) request by deploying resources to assist with a wildfire near Rifle, Colorado. He also shared that the Wildland Division has significantly expanded its public outreach efforts, connecting with new audiences throughout the District. Additionally, the Division's tool loan program continues to see increased community participation. Chief Benedict updated the Board on the Colorado Mountain College (CMC) Innovation Program, which is designed to engage students in developing innovative solutions to wildfire-related challenges. Director Gudlewski inquired about the District's involvement with the Summit County Chipping Program. Chief Benedict responded that the District supports the program through the Summit County Wildfire Council and actively promotes it within the community. Director Dore asked about the potential for Stage 3 Fire Restrictions. Chief Benedict explained that Stage 3 restrictions present significant enforcement challenges and noted that discussions are underway regarding potential area closures or other alternatives should fire conditions continue to deteriorate. Chief Benedict also reported that he has been working with Breckenridge Ski Resort, which has committed to installing connection points along its snowmaking system to provide additional water supply opportunities for wildfire suppression. Director Nations inquired about the PanoAI camera system. Chief Benedict explained that the cameras continuously monitor for smoke, with potential detections reviewed by a human analyst before notifications are forwarded to local response agencies for evaluation and action, as appropriate.

- Training Division Updates – Nordeen
- Accreditation Report – Kline
 - Chief Nelson and Secretary Valentine reported that accreditation was on track with workshops on the calendar.
- Local 4325 Updated – Caldwell
- Investment Committee – Fossett/Gudlewski
- HCTC Board of Directors – Dineen/Nations
- Compensation Committee – Doré/Nations
- Director Replacement Search Committee – Dineen/Fossett
- Fire Chiefs Review Committee – Doré/Fossett
 - Director Dore reported that all 360s have been submitted and they are currently synthesizing. The committee will be continuing the review process while also working closely with FlexHR about the process overall.

11.0 Adjournment

M/S Directors Gudlewski/Dineen to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.