RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 3:30 p.m.

316 N. Main Street, Breckenridge, Colorado 80424

1.0 Call to Order

Director Doré called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at approximately 3:31 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Directors Present: Austyn Dineen, Britton Fossett, Randy Nations, and MK Doré.

Director Excused: Philip Gudlewski.

Staff and Representatives Present included Chief Jay Nelson; Chief Drew Hoehn; Division Chief Jim Levi; Division Chief Matt Benedict; Battalion Chief Jason Kline; Battalion Chief Chuck Oese, Finance Officer Laura Johnson; Firefighter Paramedic Ian McQueen, Firefighter Jarred Bundy; and Summit Fire & EMS Chief Brian Schenking.

3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda

No additional changes to the agenda were requested. The Board proceeded with the updated agenda as posted.

4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

No items were pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

M/S Directors Dineen/Fossett to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.

5.0 Discussion of Financial and Budgetary Report

The Board reviewed the variance report and income statement. A question was raised regarding the UMB credit card total and the supporting transaction detail. Staff clarified that the detailed listing identifies charges over $500 and therefore does not equal the full credit card balance. The Board requested that future reports include an additional line identifying the remaining charges under the reporting threshold.

6.0 Citizen Comments and Matters of Public Hearing

No citizen comments were presented, and no public hearing matters were addressed during the meeting.

7.0 Unfinished Business

Collaboration Updates

Chief Nelson and Summit Fire & EMS Chief Brian Schenking updated the Board on continued work toward a shared fire prevention model. Chief Schenking reported that the Summit Fire & EMS Board was open to continuing development of the concept. The proposed model would use an intergovernmental agreement to establish common management and consistent fire-code interpretation while retaining deputy fire marshal support within each organization.

The Board discussed consistency for contractors and the public, financial considerations, staffing capacity, and possible future regional opportunities. Staff indicated that the next step is attorney review and refinement of the draft agreement. Depending on that review, the agreement could be presented to the respective Boards in October or, if additional time is needed, later in the year with action anticipated in January.

Chief Nelson also reported continued progress with the joint Training Safety Captain program. RWB company officers are now participating in acting opportunities within the shared program, further integrating personnel and operations between the agencies.

8.0 New Business

Resolution 2026-11 - 2026 Continuity of Operations Plan

The Board reviewed the substantially revised Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Discussion included succession planning, continuity of leadership, the Board's role during a significant emergency, and circumstances requiring Board action. Staff advised that the plan will be exercised through a tabletop process before the accreditation peer-team visit.

M/S Directors Doré/Fossett to approve Resolution 2026-11, a resolution adopting the 2026 Continuity of Operations Plan. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-12 - 2026 Community Risk Assessment: Standards of Cover

Staff presented the 2026 Community Risk Assessment: Standards of Cover (CRA:SOC), which was substantially rewritten for the current accreditation cycle. Significant changes include use of a three-axis risk model incorporating community impact, expanded data analysis by planning zone, and reclassification of the Station 4 planning area from rural to urban cluster based on current conditions. Staff credited Noelle and the broader accreditation team for the extensive work required to complete the document.

The Board also received an accreditation update. Supporting documents were approximately 95-96 percent complete and were being uploaded for peer-team review. The on-site peer assessment is planned for November 16-20, with Board participation anticipated during opening, dinner, and closing activities. A Board member identified a minor CRA:SOC reference regarding contracted human resources services; staff agreed to correct it before final upload.

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve Resolution 2026-12, a resolution adopting the 2026 Community Risk Assessment: Standards of Cover. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-13 - Summit County Referred Measure 1A

The Board considered Resolution 2026-13 regarding Summit County Referred Measure 1A. Staff advised that the resolution had been reviewed by District legal counsel for compliance with applicable campaign-finance requirements. Discussion addressed the existing Strong Futures funding structure, wildfire mitigation funding, the indefinite continuation proposed by the referred measure, accountability and prioritization of funds, and the importance of continued District participation in future funding discussions. Board members also discussed the District's prior experience with 1A funding and the need to communicate future community and organizational priorities to Summit County.

M/S Directors Doré/Dineen to approve Resolution 2026-13, a resolution in support of Summit County Referred Measure 1A. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-14 - Wildfire Resiliency Code Intergovernmental Agreement

Chief Nelson reviewed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Summit County regarding enforcement of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code. Under the agreement, Summit County would remain responsible for building-code and structure-hardening provisions, while the Fire District would be responsible for defensible-space and mitigation provisions. Staff explained that the agreement is intended to clarify responsibilities and maintain compliance with the State code.

The Board discussed statewide implementation of the Wildfire Resiliency Code and emerging discussions regarding mandatory mitigation of existing properties. Chief Nelson noted that he would attend the upcoming Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board meeting in Breckenridge and continue monitoring developments.

M/S Directors Nations/Fossett to approve Resolution 2026-14, a resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding enforcement of the Wildfire Resiliency Code. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.

9.0 Executive Session

No executive session was held.

10.0 Staff and Committee Reports

Finance Division

Laura Johnson reported that the District expects approximately $252,000 in Colorado Medicaid revenue for the year, approximately double the prior amount discussed. The Board also briefly discussed wildland deployment revenue and associated personnel costs.

Administrative Division - Chief Nelson

Chief Nelson responded to questions regarding the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board and described its broad representation from wildfire, construction, building, insurance, real estate, and fire-service interests.

The Board also discussed projected increases in health insurance, property and liability insurance, and workers' compensation costs. Staff explained that property/liability and workers' compensation increases reflect recent claims exposure, higher salaries, and growth in the District budget and insured exposure.

Operational / Administrative Updates

Chief Hoehn thanked the Board and staff for preparations for the upcoming retreat in Silverthorne and reviewed the preliminary budget-development schedule. Staff will begin individual Board budget overview meetings in October as development of the 2027 budget continues.

EMS Division

Chief Levi reported that the District received preliminary notice related to a grant application for an advanced-practice coordinator associated with the training center and rural health-care programming. Final award information was still pending.

Training Division

The Board received the Training Division report. No additional questions were raised.

Wildfire Division

Chief Benedict reported that fire restrictions were scheduled to be lifted the following morning. Staff also discussed a recent small fire response and the continued value of rapid field information and photographs.

Chief Benedict highlighted the District-wide approach to home wildfire evaluations. Demand increased significantly, and personnel across the organization were trained to assist with inspections. Staff reported that the broader team approach helped address the workload and provided useful lessons for next year. The Board also discussed emerging technology intended to evaluate home-to-home ignition potential and possible pilot applications in neighborhoods with different development densities.

Accreditation

The Board received the accreditation update in conjunction with the CRA:SOC discussion. Staff were completing final documentation and preparing for the November peer-team visit.

Local 4325

Firefighter Jarred Bundy presented the Local 4325 report on behalf of the Local. No additional Board questions were raised.

Board Committee Reports

No material updates were reported by the HCTC Board of Directors, Investment Committee, or Director Replacement Search Committee.

The Fire Chiefs Review Committee reported on the first-year implementation of the PerformYard evaluation process for Chief Nelson and Chief Hoehn. Committee members noted that the process provided useful alignment between Board evaluations, self-assessments, and 360-degree feedback while also identifying opportunities to improve consistency and administration in future years. Both Chiefs had received their evaluations, and the Committee planned a later debrief to refine the process and develop goals collaboratively.

11.0 Adjournment

M/S Directors Dineen/Fossett were made to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm. Voice vote, unanimous among Directors present. Motion carried.