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**Purpose: Poudre Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2025**

**Location:** Station 2

**Attendees:** Dave Bliss, Dan Bond, Bette Blinde, Tonya Read and Boots Jaffee

**Call to Order:** Called to order by Boots Jaffee at 6:55 pm

**Reports:**

The September minutes were emailed to board members on October 2 2025. Bette moved to approve the emailed minutes with the corrections. Dave second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Bette reviewed the treasurer report. Dave moved to accept the report and it was seconded by Dan. It was approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

LPCA/Community Center Lower Canyon – Boots had emailed Marci again. There has been no response. Marci is concerned about the amount of water we use, however, the trucks do not take much water to fill, and they use about 10 cents worth of electricity to fill them. Kellie Falbo is concerned that there is a fissure in the community. Boots and Dan explained the history of conversations between the Board and LPCA for at least two years. Kellie volunteered to talk to Marci and the LPCA board.

Tool Library Door – Outer hasp/lock is ok as long as we put a strong hasp/lock on the inside door. Brian Maddox said he would install the new hasp/lock on the inside. For painting, Boots will see if he has some leftover paint. Chief will order a “No Parking Sign.”

**New Business:**

Station 1 Lockers – 13 people confirmed a need for lockers. Kellie can get a crew to build them in November and get ideas from Station 4. Chief estimates that it will cost approximately \$500. Boots recommended Larry Carter to build these. Kellie recommended that Boots look at the lockers in Station 2. This will come out of operations budget.

Biannual Newsletter – Need to get it out by November. Topics ideas are: 1. The grant 2. Signing off for mitigation issues/procedures – county (emergency services) 3. Ambassador program update.

Firefighter Academy – Tony Falbo has advanced this program. Kellie Falbo requested a canyon-wide training. Also, Riverside numbered their buildings and they will be providing updated maps.

Community Fair - Ken spoke to the board about the Community Fair. There has not been a community fair for the last 2 years. It is coming back on August 8, 2026 and was renamed Upper Canyon Fun Days. Not as many booths and not requesting use of a fire bay. Talking to all local businesses to participate and they will back this effort. Asking for Fire Board participation in some way and possibly to help with parking and safety. Profits go to UPCA for community outreach. There is a meeting next week for UPCA.

Appreciation Dinner for all fire volunteers - Ron Lonneman sent an email about a couple of possible dates, November 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. November 21<sup>st</sup> is the preferred date. Chief will get back with Ron. Dave motioned to accept, and Dan seconded. All approved.

2026 budget proposal – Bette went through the detailed budgets with 2024, proposed 2025, and proposed 2026. The revised amount will probably drop but won't be available until November. The district still will not have the same amount coming in as 2024. An increased amount has been put into supplies/equipment/repairs due to an increase in these needs. DOLA requires publishing budget and Bette reviewed the simplified budget that meets DOLA's requirements. 2026 Posting is required in all the stations by the following people Chief (station 2), Paula (station 4), Dave (station 3), and Boots (station 1). Tonya moved to present the proposed budget to the public; Dan seconded and all approved.

Tonya to send out DOLA notification to everyone and for posting. Need a listing for all board members with phone numbers.

#### **Additional Reports:**

EMT: Chad wants to take the IV class. Chief approved. Rick Stonecipher completed the national registry but need to check if he passed Colorado's requirements.

Chiefs report: 16 calls, purchased 2 clean air purifying respirators, Engine 641 cooler failed, furnace was serviced in station 2, Starlink issues resolved most trucks, state adopted wildfire resiliency code – district is to enforce the code – county putting together for inter-agency agreements for enforcement

Station 1: Chad fixed 611, need training on 111 – driving and operations, printer and computer needed, Boots has all the insurance cards for all the vehicles.

Station 2: Inspection from state, adjusted emergency brake and bled the tanks.

Station 3: Generator is now stored in station 3.

Station 4: Curtis put kilts on spots on community room stains, but a new stain appeared and still a roof leak.

Cache la Poudre Fire & Emergency Group (CLPFEG): Bette reviewed the CLPFEG financial report. Applied for reimbursements from the heart and cancer program.

Station 2 Building:

#### **Public Comments:**

Ladies' bathroom faucets are loose and some falling off. Building manager is aware.

**Adjournment:**

Dan moved to adjourn, Dave seconded, all approved unanimously. Adjourned at 8:04 PM.