RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, August 27, 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 3:31 pm.

2.0 Roll Call

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

Staff and Representatives Present: Chief Jay Nelson; Chief Drew Hoehn, Division Chief Jeff Nordeen, Division Chief Jim Levi, Finance Officer Laura Johnson, Firefighter Jarred Bundy, and Union Representative Dan Felt.

3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were requested. The Board proceeded with the agenda as presented.

4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

5.0 Discussion of Financial and Budgetary Report

The Board reviewed the variance report and income statement. Discussion focused on wildland deployment revenues and the timing of reimbursements. Staff explained that reimbursement is received after deployment costs are billed and processed by the State, and that payments may be received late in the year or in the following year.

Staff reported approximately $288,000 had been billed for a recent wildland deployment. Much of the reimbursement offsets employee backfill and equipment costs rather than representing net revenue. Staff noted that unusually high wildland activity may require a future budget amendment because deployment expenses are difficult to predict. During the meeting, the District also received a resource order for a crew deployment to Washington State.

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 Hoehn reported on the continued collaboration with Summit Fire & EMS during its leadership transition. Summit Fire & EMS had posted its Fire Chief position and recently completed strategic-planning work that included internal and external stakeholder input. RWB staff also discussed the interagency relationship during recent all-staff meetings as a pulse check in advance of the upcoming One Team leadership retreat.

Chief Nelson reported the Fire prevention staff from both agencies met with the Summit County Builders Association to continue rebuilding relationships and improve code education. RWB and Summit Fire & EMS also continued working toward a common approach to implementation of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code. A draft alignment policy was nearing completion with participation from local building officials and State representatives to help ensure interpretations remain within the authority provided by the adopted code.

8.0 New Business

No new business was presented.

9.0 Executive Session

No executive session was held.

10.0 Staff and Committee Reports

Finance Division

The Board received the Finance Division report. Laura discussed the recently completed assessment cycle and the potential effect of assessed value changes and new construction on future District revenues. Laura noted that future revenue projections will become clearer as updated assessed values and new development are incorporated into the budget process.

Administrative Division - Chief Nelson

Chief Nelson reported that the District's annual Safety Day was successful, with strong community participation. We are evaluating opportunities to partner more closely with the Breckenridge Police Department beginning with next year's event by combining Safety Day with the Department's National Night Out campaign. The goal is to join efforts, reduce duplication, expand community participation, and continue growing the event with additional public-safety partners.

Chief Nelson also discussed continued wildfire public-information efforts. The Board emphasized the importance of maintaining community attention through the remainder of fire season and later evaluating which outreach methods and messages were most effective. Staff will continue participating in community events and local-government updates and will conduct a post-season debrief of wildfire communications and preparedness efforts.

Chief Nelson advised the Board that his seat on the Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer and Behavioral Health Trust Board is up for renewal and that Board authorization is required for his continued service. The Board indicated support for the nomination, and Chair Doré was asked to sign the required nomination form.

Operational / Facilities Updates

Chief Hoehn discussed continued efforts to identify outside funding for planned training and classroom improvements, including possible congressional directed spending and other partnership opportunities.

EMS Division

The Board received the EMS Division report. The Board had no additional questions on the written EMS report.

Training Division

The Board received the Training Division report. Chief Nordeen updated the Board on upgrades to the burn building and the replacement of the classroom boiler.

Wildfire Division

The Board discussed continued demand for wildfire mitigation assessments and the increasing role of insurance requirements in homeowner mitigation, as outlined in Chief Benedict’s report. Staff noted that insurers are placing greater emphasis on the first five feet around structures when evaluating wildfire risk and insurability. The Board also discussed the legal and policy considerations associated with requiring mitigation on existing private property and agreed that the District should proceed cautiously as statewide practices continue to develop.

Accreditation

The Board received a written update. No additional questions were raised.

Local 4325

Dan Felt provided an update for Local 4325. The Board asked if the school district union had reached out for support on the school-district mill levy override. Dan did not believe they had.

Board Committee Reports

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

The Fire Chiefs Review Committee discussed the first-year implementation of the PerformYard evaluation process. Board feedback, 360-degree feedback, and self-evaluations were generally aligned; however, the Committee identified opportunities to better align evaluation questions, strategic-plan measures, and goals. The Committee will continue refining the process so it is easier to administer, repeatable for future Boards, and adaptable to other leadership positions within the organization.

11.0 Adjournment

M/S Directors Fossett/Gudlewski to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.