

Ridgway Fire Protection District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

Upstairs Common Room, Ridgway Firehouse, 251 N Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:03 by Board Chair Christen Williams. Also, in attendance were Board Members Adam Johnson and Jamie Gomez. Also present were Chris Miller (Fire Chief), Katy LaSala (Wildland Coordinator), Kayla Fairchild (District Administrator), Bo Nerlin (Legal Counsel), Chris Bolane (ex officio).

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA INCLUDING ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

- ❖ Jamie Gomez requested discussion regarding the timeline of the board packet. This item was added under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ MOTION by Johnson to approve the April minutes as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- ❖ MOTION by Gomez to approve the April minutes as presented. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ **Update on Wildland Engine Purchase**
 - Chief Miller and Bo Nerlin updated the Board regarding loan documents requested by Community Leasing Partners. Nerlin advised that the paperwork received prior to the meeting referenced the incorrect vehicle, and corrected documents are currently pending.
- ❖ **Update on Authority Progress**
 - No update was provided regarding the Authority Progress.
- ❖ **Wildland EMS MOU**
 - No update was provided regarding the Wildland EMS Memorandum of Understanding. The County remains undecided on the matter.
- ❖ **Ladder Truck Update**
 - Chief Miller reported that the radiator of the new ladder truck is too small for functional operations in the mountains. A new radiator core and transmission are in the process of being installed.
- ❖ **WUI Code Adoption**
 - Nerlin advised the board to continue waiting until July for potential adoption. July 1st was identified as the anticipated target date.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- ❖ Chief Miller updated the Board on progress at the training center in preparation for the May extrication training event. Improvements completed include:

- Leveling the conex area
 - Establishing drafting access from the river and neighboring wastewater pond
 - Constructing a cliff/overhang ramp training area
- ❖ Chief Miller noted that ongoing development of the training center will expand future training opportunities for the department.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Gomez requested that the timeline for preparation and distribution of the board meeting packet be moved earlier. The suggested distribution date is the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting. Admin Fairchild agreed this timeline would be appropriate for providing materials to the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- ❖ MOTION by Johnson to adjourn. Second by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Kayla Fairchild
District Administrator