

Ridgway Fire Protection District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:03PMPM by Board Chair Christen Williams. Board members in attendance were Jamie Gomez, Terry Schuyler and Pam Kraft and Adam Johnson. Also in attendance were Chief Chris Miller, Bo Nerlin (Legal Counsel), and District Administrator Kayla Fairchild.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA INCLUDING ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

No changes were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

❖ MOTION by Gomez to approve the June minutes as presented. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

❖ MOTION by Johnson to approve financials as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Captain Position Structure Discussion

- The Board tabled this discussion until a future meeting.

Authority Progress Update

- Nerlin provided an update regarding the proposed regional authority. He discussed the County's perspective and reported that both he and Chief Miller supported continuing to move the authority process forward.
- The board discussed Log Hill's anticipated role and the proposed governing-board structure. Log Hill was not expected to become a member of the authority but would continue providing input to participating members.
- The proposed authority would be governed by a five-member board, with representation anticipated from:
 - Ouray County, City of Ouray, Ridgway Fire Protection District, Ouray County Sheriff's Office in a nonvoting capacity; and an at-large or floating position intended to represent a nonvoting participating entity.

Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

- Fairchild will follow up with regarding the status of the proposed resolution

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller provided an overview of the District's response to the Gold Mountain Fire. Administrator Fairchild assisted with donation coordination and the scheduling of escorts for evacuees requiring access to the affected area. RFPD has multiple engines working on the fire at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Wildland Update

- Fairchild updated the board on the status of RFPD's Wildland teams.

B1214/B1211 (B1214 had a mechanical failure and they had to swap it mid assignment with B1211)

- BLM Severity out of the Montrose Regional Office
- 21 days (6/9 - 6/30)
- \$26,829.00

B1215

- Spring Creek Fire (Basalt area) & Silverthorne/Dillon Region Severity
- 16 days (6/11 - 6/26)
- \$20,839.50

All invoices have been submitted to the DFPC.

Gold Mountain Fire Update

The board discussed the District's response and related activities associated with the Gold Mountain Fire.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to Adjourn. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
-Kayla Fairchild