

# Ridgway Fire Protection District

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2026

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

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM by Board Chair Christen Williams. Board members in attendance Jamie Gomez, Adam Johnson, and Terry Schuyler. Also in attendance Chief Miller, District Administrator Kayla Fairchild, legal counsel Bo Nerlin, and Chris Bolane, ex officio.

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Schuyler added one item under New Business concerning a Tri-State appreciation event for the Gold Mountain Fire response.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to approve the April and May special meeting minutes as presented. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to approve financials as presented. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

## OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ **Authority Progress**

- Nerlin reported that Log Hill would not participate as a charter entity but planned to remain involved in discussions. The Board discussed potential governance and staffing structures, including at-large representation and the Sheriff's fire warden role. Staff had presented an initial staffing model, and the draft intergovernmental agreement and bylaws remained available for review. Fairchild was asked to distribute the draft documents to the Board.
  - MOTION by Schuyler to approve Resolution 2026-06 in support of the proposed authority. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

- ❖ **Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code**

- The Board discussed RFPD's role under the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and the resolution required for adoption.
  - MOTION by Gomez to adopt the resolution. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

- ❖ Chief Miller reported routine responses involving lightning strikes and motor vehicle incidents and continued work on the proposed authority's bylaws and budget. He also outlined a potential mine-industry training program under which participating companies would contract with RFPD for job-related training. One of three mines had committed to participate, and the proposed annual program value was

approximately \$50,000. The Board noted that the concept aligned with its goal of developing a regional training facility.

The Board discussed using a portion of current-year wildland revenue toward the new wildland apparatus and land debt. No formal action was taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ The Board reviewed the wildland program, 2027 training needs, and an equipment grant wish list. No formal action was taken.
- ❖ Schuyler discussed a Tri-State appreciation event recognizing the Gold Mountain Fire response. Fairchild will contact Charles regarding an extension through the end of 2026.

### **FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

- ❖ Fairchild will distribute the draft authority intergovernmental agreement and bylaws to the Board.
- ❖ Fairchild will contact Charles regarding an extension through December 31, 2026.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026

Respectively Submitted,  
-Kayla Fairchild