

Ridgway Fire Protection District

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The special meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Board Chair Christen Williams. Members in attendance included Jamie Gomez, Pam Kraft, Adam Johnson and Terry Schuyler. Also in attendance were Chief Chris Miller, Katy LaSala (Wildland Coordinator) and Kayla Fairchild (District Administrator).

NEW BUSINESS

❖ **FPPA Pension Plan Additions**

- The Board discussed the administrative pension plan, with contribution rates of 12% and 11.5%, matching the career plan. The notes do not identify which rate applies to the employer and which applies to the employee. No formal motion was recorded.

❖ **Health Insurance Plan**

- The Board discussed proceeding with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan A. Fairchild requested direction to submit the plan preference sheet. No formal motion was recorded.

❖ **2027 Budget Discussion**

- The Board discussed separating wildland reimbursables from expenses in budget reporting to distinguish wildland program revenue from expenses borne by the District.
- The Board directed staff to arrange a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the EMS budget and funding needs.
- The Board discussed a possible spring ballot question to increase the EMS mill levy. No formal action was recorded.
- The Chief will contact Antonio to arrange a meeting, ideally including Antonio, a BOCC member, and Jason from Finance or legal counsel Leo. The Board agreed that Christen Williams would serve as its representative at the meeting.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- ❖ Fairchild and the Chief Miller will coordinate a meeting with county representatives to discuss the budget and EMS funding.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to adjourn. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Kayla Fairchild