

Ridgway Fire Protection District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m by Board Chair Christen Williams. Board members n attendance included Pam Kraft, Terry Schuyler and Adam Johnson. Also in attendance were Chris Bolane (ex officio), Bo Nerlin (Legal Counsel), Tyler Ferguson (RFPD Captain) and Kayla Fairchild (District Administrator).

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to approve the August meeting minutes as presented. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Pam requested a separate line item for wildland income and separate reporting of wildland workers' compensation and wages. Additional category adjustments were discussed.

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to approve the profit and loss report as of August 2026. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

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- ❖ **RFPD and OCEMS merger**
 - Nate provided an update on the proposed merger and reviewed the EMS budget. Ouray Fire expressed a preference to proceed through a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Discussion included joint training, a 48/96 staffing rotation, participation in District 1 EMS calls, and a possible 90-day evaluation provision in the MOU.
 - The proposed arrangement would provide Ouray EMS free access to one apparatus bay, with Ouray Fire absorbing the costs of the other two bays. Nate was working on an MOU with Log Hill regarding plans to staff an ambulance there. Advanced life support and basic life support options for the county were discussed in relation to cost. An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) was expected to circulate before the October meeting.
- ❖ **Trail Town Lot Contract**
 - MOTION by Schuyler to authorize the Board President to sign a contract extension through the end of January. SECOND by Johnson. Kraft voted no. MOTION CARRIED.
- ❖ **Wildland updates**
 - The Board discussed setting aside a percentage of wildland revenue and allocating the remainder to backfill or contingency funding. No specific percentage or formal action was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

❖ Budget Officer

- MOTION by Johnson to designate Fairchild as Budget Officer. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

❖ Board Seat Designations

- MOTION by Schuyler to designate Christen Williams as President, Jamie Gomez as Vice Chair, and Pam Kraft as Secretary/Treasurer. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

❖ Election planning

- The Board discussed a call for nominations in February and an election on the first Tuesday in May for the year of 2027.

❖ FPPA pension plan additions

- MOTION by Kraft to enact the plan addition subject to legal counsel and the Board President ratifying the adoption agreement. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

❖ Administrative pension

- The Board requested a comparison of current pension costs and the proposed addition and supported bringing the information forward for budget consideration. No formal approval of the pension addition was recorded.

❖ 2027 preliminary budget

- Discussion was deferred to a special meeting scheduled for October 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026.

Respectively Submitted,

-Kayla Fairchild