

**Falcon Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2026 Approved Minutes**

ALL TO ORDER

Director Reid called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1502 hours on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

ATTENDANCE

James Reid, President
Thomas Kerby, Vice President
Edward (Steve) Podoll, Secretary
Ray Hawkins, Treasurer
Dan Kupferer, Assistant Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Joan Fritsche, Legal Counsel
Trent Harwig, Fire Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Jeff Petersma, Deputy Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Joe Cosgrove, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Corey Kirt, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Curtis Kauffman, Fire Marshal, Falcon Fire Protection District
Rob Wilkerson, Fleet Mechanic, Falcon Fire Protection District
Gretchen Tetzlaff, Office Manager, Falcon Fire Protection District
Twyla Kuemmerle, Administrative Assistant, Falcon Fire Protection District
Jonathan Huang, New Falcon Herald
Other members of the Falcon Fire Protection District

ABSENT

Jonathan Webb, EMS Division Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
David Smith, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Hawkins moved to approve the agenda. Director Podoll seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Kerby moved to approve the February 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Chief Harwig reviewed February's Treasurer's Report with the Board. The Chief noted 16.7% of the 2026 fiscal year is complete in this Report.

Total General Fund Budget revenues received were 3%. Total General Fund expenditures across all categories were 19% of the budget.

The Ambulance Fund Budget transport fee collections were at 19%. Total expenditures were at 16%.

The Capital Improvement Fund revenues received were at 24%. Total Capital Improvement Fund expenditures were at 7%. The District made the minimum required lease purchase payment for the year.

The Rural Water Fund Revenues had no activity or expenditure for the month of February. Total Rural Water Fund expenditures were at 0% of budget.

Director Hawkins moved to accept February's Treasurer's Report. Director Kerby seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Deputy Chief Petersma reviewed the operations reports for January which included the January incident counts of approximately 387 calls and monthly and year-to-date response times, mutual aid given and mutual aid received. Year to date, the District is at 387 total calls. Deputy Chief Petersma stated that he is still building analytical reports within the new NERIS System.

EMS Division Chief Webb was absent, Deputy Chief Petersma reviewed the February Transport Reports with the Board and advised that the crews transported 115 patients for the month, and the District collected \$93,787.22 for the month of February. The Cash Per Trip was \$815.54. The Total Patient Count Year to Date was 282 transports with annual collections of \$208,893.93.

Year to date Average Collections per transport was \$740.76. Average Collections per transport over the past 24 months including the Medicaid supplemental reimbursement are currently at \$855.40.

Fire Marshal Kauffman provided a written Plan and Building Inspection Report for December for the Board's Review.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Fritsche provided a written Attorney's Report to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Training Center Site Acquisition

Chief Harwig advised the Board that the District completed the review of the soil test reports and found no concerns. Environmental labs have been completed, and the District is waiting for the results. Geological tests were also completed. Chief Harwig will advise once the remaining test results are obtained. Director Kerby advised the Board that he read the Environmental Report; tests were completed on three holes; the tests indicated negligible petroleum residue. Director Kerby stated that the test that the District is waiting for is the Geological test regarding the ground water level. A discussion was held on soils testing and water tables.

Chief Harwig stated that the District is working on the request for an access deviation from the County's regulations to allow the District access to the site from Meridian Sol Drive. The District has all documents needed and formally submitted the application. Director Kupferer and Director Reid are working on this matter with County staff. The District will need some indication of the County's position prior to closing on April 15th, otherwise the District will need to enter into the Easement Agreement with Circle K for use of the private drive, requiring payment of half of all private road maintenance expenses

A discussion was held regarding the property survey prepared for the District and the information available on the wells and septic system to be abandoned in accordance with CDPHE regulations. Attorney Fritsche stated that she is working with Chief Harwig, Director Kerby and Director Kupferer on due diligence matters. The deadline is for completion of site demolition and removal is Sunday, March 29, 2026. Chief Harwig and Director Kerby will take an informal walk of the property on Thursday, March 26, 2026, to assess the status of demolition and removal of structures. Chief Harwig reminded the Board that the April meeting will be held on April 8, 2026, due to the property closing on April 15, 2026.

Consider Amended and Restated Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Chief Harwig reminded the Board that the Board passed a Resolution at the February Board of Directors Meeting determining not to adopt the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code ("CWR Code"). Chief Harwig advised the Board that after attending additional meetings and obtaining more information, that the District could adopt the CWR Code without adopting appendices; A – Permits, B – Construction Documents and C – Inspection and Enforcement. Chief Harwig stated that prior to today's meeting House Bill 26-1334 was introduced to the State House. This Bill moves the original deadline of April 1,

2026 to April 1, 2027, for County adoption of the CWR Code. Chief Harwig proposed that the Board keep the original Resolution not adopting the CWR Code and track HB26-1334 progress through the House. Chief Harwig would like to meet with Fire Marshal Kauffman to revise the District Maps. A discussion was held regarding revamping of the District's Fire Maps and considering adopting the CWR Code without adopting the Appendices at a future meeting. The Board agreed to wait and see what happens with HB26-1334.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Hawkins moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1541 hours.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the meeting Minutes:

Edward Podoll, Secretary