

**Falcon Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting  
April 8, 2026 Approved Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Reid called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1500 hours on Wednesday, April 8, 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  
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  
Corey Kirt, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District  
David Smith, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Director Steve Podoll moved to approve the agenda. Director Dan Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Director Steve Podoll moved to approve the March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.*

*Director Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The March Treasurer's Report was not available due to moving the meeting date up a week.

#### **Staff Report**

The monthly Staff Report was not available due to moving the meeting date up a week. Deputy Chief Petersma stated that the NERIS system is making progress.

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

#### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Fritsche provided a written Attorney's Report to the Board. She had one change to the Attorney's Report; HB26-1334 was postponed indefinitely.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Training Center Site Acquisition**

Director Kerby advised the Board that Seller has removed all structures except for two items from the site, one of which was part of an old pumphouse. The district is fine with leaving the concrete flooring. The other item is an old windmill water well base pipe, which will be torn down and filled in. There may be an improperly abandoned septic tank onsite. Should a septic tank be found during construction, the District will cap it. Attorney Fritsche advised the Board that she and Chief Harwig have done quite a bit of due diligence this past month. The Seller could not provide information on abandoned wells or septic tanks. The District filed an open records request with Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District to obtain the property's inclusion documents. The Inclusion Agreement with Circle K was recorded after the open records request was filed. Based on the Inclusion Agreement and WHMD inclusion documents, Attorney Fritsche stated that on the entire Circle K site, only one well was identified and permitted. That well has been capped in accordance with State Regulations, and it was not located on the parcel being acquired by the District. Attorney Fritsche advised the Board that she had several documents to present to the Board for consideration and approval to be held in escrow prior to closing next Wednesday and noted the District will need to be prepared to make the wire transfer of closing funds.

The address of the Falcon Fire Protection District Training Center will be: 6840 Meridian Sol Drive, Falcon, El Paso County, Colorado.

Prior to considering and approving these documents, Director Kerby stated that Chief Harwig, Director Kupferer, and he support the purchase of the property. Attorney Fritsche thanked the Board for their hard work in getting the access deviation application approved by the County. Director Reid acknowledged Director Kerby and Director Kupferer for their hard work.

Consider approval of Statement of Authority

Attorney Fritsche reviewed the Statement of Authority pursuant to Section 38-30-172, C.R.S. with the Board authorizing the purchase transaction and listing the authorized signatories on behalf of the District.

*Director Kerby moved to approve the Statement of Authority as written. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property and Naming Persons Authorized to Execute Documents.

The Resolution authorizes the completion of the acquisition of the Training Center Site, payment of the purchase price and closing costs, and authorizes Chief Harwig to execute any additional documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the transaction.

*Director Kerby moved to approve Resolution 04-08-26-1. Director Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

Chief Harwig reiterated to the Board that HB26-1344 was postponed indefinitely, and an extension for implementing the CWR Code is not available. Chief Harwig recommended the Board adopt the CWR Code but not Appendices: A - Permits, B - Construction Documents, and C - Inspection and Enforcement. A discussion was held regarding the CWR Code enforcement process, codes, and mapping. Director Kerby suggested the Resolution be tabled until the May 20, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting. The Board directed staff to pursue a map amendment with the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, through an informal procedure recently used by other jurisdictions, so that the CWR Code and Appendices could be adopted and enforced by the District.

**NEW BUSINESS**

CDOT sent documents to Farmer's State Bank, as the property owner of 7030 Old Meridian Road that it is acquiring the "corner piece" at Highway 24 and Meridian Road for highway expansion right of way and a temporary construction easement.

*Director Kerby moved to approve the CDOT Right of Way acquisition and the Temporary Construction Easement at Highway 24 and Meridian Rd. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Harwig indicated he will follow up with Farmer's State Bank.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Director Hawkins moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Podoll seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.*

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the meeting Minutes:

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Edward Podoll, Secretary