

**Falcon Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2026 Approved Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Director Reid called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1502 hours on Wednesday, May 20, 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
Jonathan Webb, EMS Division Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Joe Cosgrove, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Corey Kirt, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Rob Wilkerson, Fleet Mechanic, 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

Jeff Petersma, Deputy Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
David Smith, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Curtis Kauffman, Fire Marshal, Falcon Fire Protection District
Gretchen Tetzlaff, Office Manager, Falcon Fire Protection District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PROMOTIONAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Fire Fighter Cale Lohman was sworn in as a Lieutenant by Chief Harwig. Lieutenant Lohman was badged by his father, Dave Lohman.

GUEST SPEAKER

Aaron Johnson, Wildland Urban Interface Professional Development Educator with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, addressed the Board regarding the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code. He provided guidance on adoption and implementation pathways and served as a resource for Board questions. Chief Harwig advised the Board that the CWR Board has recently completed its develop requirements for mapping changes and state staff will be working with the Chief to review the District's current mapping by analyzing various state maps that designate the severity of an area and to determine if there is better supporting documentation to allow the District to change the designation of certain areas from moderate to low fire danger. A lengthy discussion was held regarding all aspects of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, in particular, mapping and ground truthing. Mr. Johnson stated that he appreciated the Board's passion and support for the Falcon Community. Mr. Johnson departed at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Kupferer moved to approve the April 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Director Kerby seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Chief Harwig reviewed April's Treasurer's Report with the Board. The Chief noted 33.3% of the 2026 fiscal year is complete in this Report. Due to clerical errors, the General Fund Budget Report was not presented to the Board.

The Ambulance Fund Budget transport fee collections were at 33.3%. Total expenditures were at 26%.

The Capital Improvement Fund revenues received were at 25%. The Total Capital Improvement Fund expenditures were at 13%. 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 April. Total Rural Water Fund expenditures were at 0% of budget.

Director Podoll moved to accept April's Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit with changes made on the General Fund and Capital Fund. Director Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Deputy Chief Petersma was absent, Battalion Chief Cosgrove reviewed the operations reports for March which included the March incident counts of approximately 400 calls and monthly and year-to-date response times, mutual aid given and mutual aid received. Through April, the District is at 1086 total calls.

EMS Division Chief Webb reviewed the April Transport Reports with the Board and advised that the crews transported 133 patients for the month, and the District collected \$97,673.84 for the month of April. The Cash Per Trip was \$734.39. The Total Patient Count through April was 800 transports with annual collections of \$387,821.32. Year to date Average Collections per transport was \$659.42. Average Collections per transport over the past 24 months including the Medicaid supplemental reimbursement are currently at \$825.42.

Fire Marshal Kauffman was absent but provided a written Plan and Building Inspection Report for April for the Board's Review. Chief Harwig advised the Board that the County passed a resolution adopting the District's Fire Codes, excluding the CWR Codes. The County did not adopt proposed changes to its Land Development Code.

Attorney Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Training Center Site

The District successfully closed on the Training Center Property acquisition on April 15, 2026. Director Kerby recommended that the District request Kari Parsons as the county planner for site development. Chief Harwig advised the Board that he had been in contact with YOW Architects Firm, they proposed a bid similar to the maintenance building; the District plans to work with YOW for the training center. Director Kerby inquired what the cost of the training tower would be, Chief Harwig stated that the District would have to do the concrete and groundwork and the Tower would cost roughly \$1.3-\$1.5 Million. The concrete and groundwork and training tower will need to go out for bid because these construction contracts exceed the statutory limit. The District will use Land Development Consultants for site development; this decision does not require formal bids because the contract will be for professional services. Chief Harwig advised the Board that the District is already collecting bids, Director Kerby advised staff to follow the statutory requirements for seeking bids and awarding the contract. A discussion was held regarding site accessibility.

Wildfire Resiliency Code

The Board agreed to stay its current course by working through the process of updating the District's CWR Code map and then seek Board approval to adopt and enforce the CWR Code.

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 1633 hours.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the meeting Minutes:

Edward Podoll, Secretary