

HOTCHKISS FIRE DISTRICT
Agenda for September 8, 2025, Board Meeting

Board Members: Kathy Welt, Dan Miller, Zach Hotchkiss, Ron Prosser, ~~Diane Walker~~
Fire Chief: Doug Fritz
Secretary/Treasurer: Cally Gallegos

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Dan Miller 6:33pm

Review Minutes of Last Meeting – Kathy Welt makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes the August 11, 2025 Board meeting. Seconded by Zach Hotchkiss. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Review Financial Report

Checking Account Balance	\$128079.12
Special Project Balance	\$5822.51
Pension Fund	\$838526.82
Fireman Fund	\$5877.92

Check written to Brandon for \$500 for sick child to help out with travel expenses.

Bills Presented

Public Comment None

Correspondence: Cally reported that Bob Sussman gave the Fireman \$1000 for protecting his home during the Leroux Creek Fire. Cally submitted the Pension Fund reimbursement to DOLA. Cally is still working with the IRS and the Secretary of State on the name change. She is also, trying to upgrade QuickBooks, so that the budget will be on the software and will help eliminate creating all the financial reports. The Board was fine with her upgrading. Cally also will speak to the website designer and try to get the board setup with their new emails.

Fire Chief and Officers' Reports:

Fires and other calls 12 Calls for the month 2 wildfires, 1 false alarm, 2 structure fires, 4 Lift assists (Mutual Aid)

Equipment – E -10 Replace switches (2)

Training – Safer Grant helping pay for Canvas Corners Training (running hoses) Will share cost with Crawford and Paonia if they want to attend.

Personnel – Zach Hotchkiss asked what it cost to outfit a fire fighter? Approximately \$10000.

Grants - \$20K owed for Training PPE 7 sets of turnout gear. Safer Grant should pay for part or all of the cost.

Building Maintenance - Doug had the solar system flushed, and he still needs to repair the boiler. He will get that done.

Subdivisions

Other – Still working on the antenna for Redlands Mesa, once the install is complete the radio will cover further and we can end the lease for the tower we are currently using.

Doug started the conversation with the NF EMS (Kathy Steckel) regarding their portion of the cost of maintaining and updating the building. He will meet with her and see what her thoughts are on the subject.

He has had a couple of issues with the EMS messing up the building and leaving it. They also left bloody gauze on the table after a training.

Also discussed was trying to form a Fireman's Auxiliary so that we can have fund raisers to help support the department. Cally suggested speaking to Renee Meredith and Anita Violet. Cathy Chetham of Crawford would for sure be willing to help them get started.

Doug is working with Tami Smith to help her remove some trees from her property. Ron Wheat will do the work. Kathy Welt made a motion that the Fire Department pay Ron Wheat up to \$1200 for that project. Second was made by Ron Prosser and motion carried. Ron Wheats will also be helping Lynette Roberts clear her property. Doug will take firemen up to the clean up so they can get chain saw training. Doug was given a \$5000 hose adapter and he will have to buy the fittings that will work with the new hose that we purchased.

Old or Continued Business:

Pension Board

5 Year Plan

1 Year Plan

refinancing the building loan.

Other

Update on Capital Improvement Plan

Update on mortgage refinance – Doug is speaking with UB Bank on

New Business:

New Signer for Pension – Zach Hotchkiss made a motion to ask Diane Walker to be the signer on the pension fund, if she agrees she will be assigned that task. If she does not agree we will ask someone else. Kathy Welt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Purchase Requests

Other

Adjournment - Zach Hotchkiss makes a motion adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, Kathy Welt seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.