

**Hotchkiss Fire District  
Board of Directors  
Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026, 6:30pm**

Board Members: Dan Miller, Kathy Welt, Ron Prosser, Diane Walker

Fire Chief: Doug Fritz

Administrative Assistant: Cally Gallegos

**Call to Order 6:32**

**Review Minutes of Last Meeting**

Diane Walker makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 9. Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

GF balance as of February 28, 2026 \$42,464.81

Fireman fund \$6230.92

Pension fund 878,141.21

Cally presented the bills that need paid which total \$14,720.21.

Bills Presented Zack Hotchkiss makes a motion to pay the bills at Callys discretion.

Kathy Welt seconded the motion. Motion carried

Diane Walker makes a motion to donate \$500 to the Sheep Dog Trials and \$200 to Hotchkiss Memorial Hall. Kathy Welt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Bryant Bennett reports that the Auxiliary is still working on the paperwork to get their EIN # and he spoke to Cathy Cheatham of Crawford Auxiliary and she gave them some tips. They will keep working on it.

**Fire Chief and Officers' Reports:**

Firefighters worked on controlled burns on Hansen Mesa, Lynette Roberts place. Dan Bolten is also doing a lot of mitigation and cleanup.

Call for youth impaling himself with a scooter accident, Kaden and Brandon were amazing, and were very instrumental in saving the child's life. So thankful to have them there.

HFD responded to 4 car wrecks.

Training, 2 classes coming up; 215 Urban Firefighters taught by the Aspen Captain. Firefighters from Cedaredge, Lake City and Kris Stewart of Delta County Emergency Manager will attend.

Saw class will be held also.

Monday they will do refresher training.

Equipment – Doug has been working on the ladder truck.

Building Maintenance – looking for a way to keep the floor drain to stop smelling up the building.

Repeater at the Redlands station is completely functional, and we should be receiving a bill from Two way Communications.

No changes in personnel.

E14 Sale – still working on that.

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**Old or Continued Business:**

Dan Miller reported that the Mil Levy/Sales Tax was very favorable according to the survey. We will wait for the final report from the consultants to make discussion on which route to take, either mil levy or sales tax.

Current Years Business

Current Year Projects and Goals

1 Year Plan:

Payoff mortgages

Continue working on Pension fund bylaws, board will study the current bylaws and continue the discussion at the April 13, meeting.

Discussion will continue on the Mil levy/sales tax increase/implementation.

SOP – Firefighter group will continue on the SOP's

Job Descriptions – work in progress

Transfer Funds to the Auxiliary – We the Auxiliary is all set up then we will discuss the transfer of funds

5 Year Plan:

Station 2 upgrade – Need to expand Redlands Station

Storage Improvements

**New Business:**

Donations for Sheep Dog Trials and Memorial Hall. Already discussed when we paid bills

**Adjournment 8:20**