

Meeting Agenda April 13, 2026, 6:30pm

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

Call to Order 6:37

Review Minutes of Last Meeting

Diane Walker makes motion to approve the March 9 minutes, Ron Prosser seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Review Financial Report

General Fund as of March 31, \$68,689.52

Fireman Fund \$6230.92

Special Project \$5822.51

Pension Fund \$856,965.97

Bills Presented Accounts payable \$15494.14

Credit Card Charges \$3198.62

Zach Hotchkiss makes a motion to pay the bills presented, Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Signing of Expenditures

Public Comment

Fire Chief and Officers' Reports:

Calls, 1 tree removal, lift assist controlled burn, 3 wildfires, traffic control, Car accident, landing zone.

215 Class complete, \$700

S112 Saw class filled up, second class will be added to the calendar. A grant will pay for the training. 30 people are scheduled to attend.

Doug will teach a IC class in Ouray and Snowmass this week.

Native Habitat sprayed the weeds.

E5 Foam system doesn't work, could possibly cost \$1000.

Repair E10 Light Tower

E7 Camera Broken

L1 Light tower don't know how to fix

Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Mothers Day

Mock Car Wreck is scheduled for next Monday

1 subdivision that doesn't pertain to us on Jay Road

Fire Department will respond to fire report not the Sheriff's department

Code enforcement is still an issue that everyone is trying to figure out since this is a non-funded mandate by the State.

Old or Continued Business:

Meeting With the Pension Board, Doug Fritz, Niki Carpenter, and the Hotchkiss Fire District Board

The 2 boards discussed the Pension fund By-laws. Niki Carpenter made a motion to spend \$6750.00 on an actuary Study for the pension fund. Zach Hotchkiss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Doug and Niki will get started on this.

Meeting with the pension board adjourned

Hotchkiss fire district reconvened and the discussion was regarding what the board would like to see for the sales tax increase. Zach Hotchkiss made a motion to implement a sales tax of .4 sales tax. Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug and Niki will start working with the attorney for the ballot language.

HFD Auxiliary does not have their EIN as of yet.

Cally asked the board what they would like to use the NFEMS annual rent check for \$12000. Investing it wouldn't be profitable at this time.

Cally suggested that they make a payment to the principal of the building loan.

Zach Hotchkiss made a motion to pay \$12000 to the principal of the building loan at the Bank of Colorado.

Diane Walker seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Cally asked the board if they would like binders made so that they will have all the information in one book and there will no need to reprint items for each meeting if it information is needed for future meetings. They would like Cally to make up binders for them.

Diane Walker added that a separate Microsoft subscription be purchased for Cally so that she would be the only one that can access her desktop. The board agreed that she needs her own.

1 Year Plan:

Mortgage

Truck Payments

5 Year Plan:

Station 2 Upgrade

Storage Improvements

New Business:

Resolution Wildland Fire code

It was decided by the board that we should wait on any resolution for this. There are just too many variables.

We can implement it at any time.

Adjournment 8:45