

HOTCHKISS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2026, Meeting minutes

Board members: Dan Miller, Diane Walker, Kathy Welt, Ron Prosser. Zach Hotchkiss was absent.

Doug Fritz, Fire Chief, David Prosser and Cally Gallegos Administrative assistant/Treasurer

Call the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2026, meeting. Diane Walker makes the motion to approve the minutes, and Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

General fund as of May 31 \$157,002.97

Fireman's Fund - \$7,640.92, including donations from the pancake breakfast of \$1,410.

Special Project fund - \$5,822.51

Pension Fund - \$ 854,844.82

A/P which includes the credit card charges for May \$11,339.00

Kathy Welt makes the motion to approve the Treasurer report; Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried

Cally let the board know that QuickBooks paused our direct deposit on the first of May and I have been having to do ACH's for payroll. The only thing that they can tell me is to start a new company and start all over. Cally has checked out other software, GovAsyst is software she used at the Town of Crawford, and it is easy to use and is specifically for government. Diane Walker makes a motion for Cally to purchase new accounting software. Kathy Welt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug presents the credit card charges for May. Kathy Welt made the motion to approve the bills to pay, and Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Close meeting to discuss Pension funds with the pension board. 7:16

Pension board is working to update the bylaws. Doug Fritz and Kathy Welt will work on the wording. They are looking for a way for the fund to pay for the actuary study and to possibly pay funeral and death benefits to survivors.

Doug will speak with Toby at Raymond James and see how this will work. He will also make sure that we are in compliance with the state. Doug would like to purchase another CD with \$20,000; Dan Miller makes a motion for Doug to purchase the \$20,000 CD with the cash in the pension fund, Diane Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for the Pension fund 7:35

Regular fire board meeting reconvened 7:35

Doug reports that the Auxiliary may possibly be ready to go by June 9, 2026. They now have their EIN and the 501C3 is almost complete or should be completed at the meeting on the 9th of June.

Fire Chief Report;

Responded to 5 car wrecks, 1 false fire, 1 structure fire.

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Maintenance – everything is in good shape for now.

1 subdivision with no issues

Training – Niki Carpenter earned her division supervisor from the State of Colorado, Doug renewed his IC 3

Randy Giles and Ryan Alford attended the wildfire academy

150 barrels of foam have been spoken for and now need to be delivered.

Doug states that he will be on 3 phone calls on the 9th regarding fire restrictions.

He will also be a consultant for the Pikes Peak hill climb; they are wanting to have an Incident command team for the event.

Grants – Doug is waiting to here from the VFA Grant now that SAMs.Gov is active.

Niki is working on the Black Hills Energy grant for rope.

Safer grant is looking for a fire station to manage the money that is sent out from FEMA. Cally has agreed to do that for the district, it should just be money in and money out, nothing more than that for Cally.

Diane Walker makes a motion to Designate Cally as the Election Official. Ron Prosser seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Proceeds from the sale of E14, \$12459.63

Dan suggests that we hang on to the money because we have the election, which was not budgeted for coming up, the pension fund study that we are not sure how this will get paid or to pay some of the loan for E5.

Ron Prosser makes a motion that the proceeds go into the special projects fund, Kathy Welt seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-02 Special Election Committee

Kathy Welt makes a motion to approve the resolution; Ron Prosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Welt moves to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:38