

## **MINUTES**

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### **MCCALL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

201 Deinhard Lane, McCall, ID

May 19, 2026

#### **Present:**

Commissioner Nick Erikson called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Public Present: None

**Roll Call:** Quorum present as Commissioner, Nick Erikson and Commissioner Jeremy Olson appeared in person and Madam Chair, Sadie Noah appeared virtually.

**Action Item: Approval of Board Meeting Agenda Notice Postings Report by the Secretary inclusive of website or social media platform posting when maintained by the district.**

Madam Chair Noah moved to approve the posted agenda for May 19th, 2026. Commissioner Erikson moved the motion forward.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the posted agenda for May 19th, 2026.

**Public Input:** The record will reflect that there was no presentation from the public.

**Action Item: Approval of the regular meeting minutes for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Discussion was had.

Commissioner Erikson moved to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Madam Chair Noah seconded

Motion passed unanimously to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Financials – Administrator Amanda Keavney presented the claims for approval for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and Treasurer's Report for the commissioners to review and consider approval. The commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions related to the claims presented and the reports provided. Commissioner Erikson moved to approve the claims and Treasurer's Report presented for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Madam Chair Noah moved the motion forward. Motion passed to approve the claims and Treasurer's Report for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

#### **New Business**

The commissioners began the discussion related to the formal creation of a Negotiation Committee for Collective Bargain Agreement Discussion.

McCall Fire Chief, Mike Bertrand requested that the commissioners delay a decision as Special Project Coordinator; Garrett de Jong has requested not to be on the committee.

The commissioners requested that the matter be added to the agenda for June 2, 2026, for a formal decision to be made regarding the appointment of a Negotiation Committee.

**Review of House Bill 959 annual property tax budget cap for fire protection and ambulance service districts from 8% to 15%**

Director, Douglas Miller provided a brief overview of House Bill 959 and explained that for McCall Fire District to reach the cap there would need to be a very significant amount of new construction added to the tax roll for Tax Year 2026.

**Per Director Douglas Miller's employment contract annual employee evaluation is to be completed by June 15 of each year.**

The commissioners requested that the matter be set for an executive session for evaluation purposes.

**Proposal for Public Hearing to Amend Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for June 16, 2026, to Account for Unanticipated Revenue**

Director Miller suggested that the Board consider holding a public hearing on June 16, 2026, to amend the FY2026 budget to account for unanticipated revenue and potential expenses.

Administrator Keaveny provided supplemental details regarding the unanticipated revenue.

Madam Chair Noah expressed concern about scheduling the public hearing for June 16, noting that she would prefer to account for all potential funds for the remainder of the year to avoid opening the budget multiple times.

Director Miller and Administrator Keaveny believed more accurate figures would be available by the July meeting. The Board discussed delaying the public hearing to amend the FY2026 budget until July of 2026.

**Old Business**

Tactical Program – Due to transitions occurring, this item will be removed from Old Business for now.

**Reports:**

### **1. Attorney Report**

No report provided.

### **2. Fire Chief Report**

Chief Bertrand presented on the meeting that occurred with DF Development regarding the Red Ridge Development and provided an overview that there was a recommendation for a safety plan to be conducted with the cost to be paid by DF Development. Brundage \$45,000 – Productive meeting.

Chief Bertrand provided an overview of the Valley County Wildfire working group that Captain Garber attended. He also reported on the staffing of SITPA for the upcoming wildfire season.

Chief Bertrand further reported on the meeting that occurred with Madam chair Noah related to short term rentals and explained that Captain Garber was working on a current checklist and revisions to the existing policy and revising it to be clear that it was a voluntary program. He also explained that Captain Garber was developing a certification component. Chief Bertrand informed the commissioners that Captain Garber continues to work with Cascade Fire District on propane inspections.

Chief Bertrand discussed the meeting with Epikos to contemplate station expansion and described the potential layout for the commissioners to consider. He explained that a formal blueprint would be presented in the future for consideration.

Chief Bertrand informed the commissioners that a hiring committee conducted interviews for the open firefighter position, and he explained that captain interviews would be conducted on May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Bertrand concluded his report by providing an overview of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July preparation meeting that was occurring between all local first responder agencies to include McCall Police Department, Valley County Sheriff's Office, Idaho State Police, Donnelly Rural Fire District, Cascade Rural Fire District.

### **2. Deputy Chief Report**

Deputy Chief Schaffran reported on the development of a training program countywide for Fire and EMS Operations and explained the collaborations that would occur with Donnelly Rural Fire District and Cascade Rural Fire District. He reported on the updates to the First Due program and explained that all the updates have not been implemented but there was anticipation of it being done soon.

### **3. Special Projects Report**

Director Miller reported on behalf of Special Project Coordinator de Jong regarding ESO records management transition, ongoing coordination related to Red Ridge development and other projects.

#### **4. Administrative Office Report**

Director Miller and Administrator Keavney provided an overview of the assignments that have been completed or worked on over the past few weeks to include:

##### **Administrative / Operations Update**

- FF/EMT and Captain hiring processes continued, including application review, candidate notifications, interview/testing coordination, and onboarding support.
- EMS Commissioner packet preparation and initial EMS Budget Committee workshop were completed.
- Continued coordination on annexation review, STR planning discussions, and Red Ridge development response efforts.
- Ongoing ESO to First Due transition work continued, including bacPac file uploads, messaging issues, and system integration research.
- Assisted with grants, ICMA updates, reimbursement coordination, payroll/benefit updates, retirement reporting, and public burn permit assistance.
- Continued facility and operational follow-up items including roof bid research, mold remediation coordination, and volunteer program budget development.

##### **Continuing / In Progress**

- Continuing work on claims coordination, liability reconciliation, and impact fee documentation/budget amendments.
- Preparing FY2027 budget adjustments, including EMS transport reimbursement tracking and updated revenue projections. Workshop with commissioner after chief needs and wants from Captains – workshop so commissioners can see initial request – In June -
- Working through grants, out-of-district contract reconciliation, and Verizon/FirstNet account review.
- Continuing follow-up on MDTs, Starlink/connectivity equipment, website photo updates, and Heart Grant status.
- Preparing consolidation action items and potential discussion items

### **3. EMS Committee Report**

Director Miller provided a brief overview of the work that had been done by the EMS Committee to include budget workshop for the Valley Countywide EMS District,

### **5. Local 4564 Report**

The meeting minutes will reflect that President Desmond sent a report via email, read by Administrator Keaveny,

Please see the following Negotiations Board

Our negotiations board will consist of Vice President Matt McMahan and myself. We also request that an additional union member be permitted to attend for note-taking purposes only.

Union Trailer

The union trailer will soon be updated with new decals, it will be at our events and storing the supply of helmets we have to give away this summer

Community Engagement

Kaley Turpen recently utilized our resources at the Cascade Bike Rodeo, where she distributed approximately a dozen helmets to local children. We will have 3 additional events this summer. Our annual Summer Reading Bike Giveaway program will be launched soon.

First Responder Scholarship

We did not have any applicants pursuing a first responder career path this year; therefore, no scholarship will be awarded at this time.

Fundraising

We will share more information regarding our upcoming golf tournament fundraiser in the near future. Tentative dates July 31st or August 1st.

### **6. Commissioner Report**

Commissioner Olson provided an overview of the Idaho Fire Commissioner meeting that he attended and expressed that he felt it was a beneficial conference.

**Action Item: Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(i) & (j)**

The meeting minutes will reflect that the commissioners did not engage in an executive session.

**Action Item: Announcement of next meeting.**

The next McCall Fire District Commissioner meeting (Project Session) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd at 0800

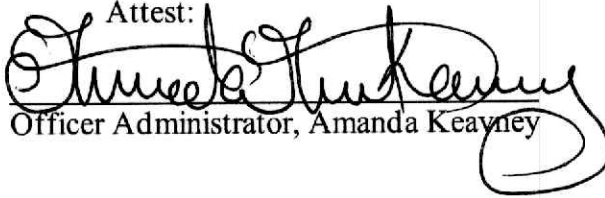
**Action Item: Adjournment**

Commissioner Erikson adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Approved:

  
Madam Chair, Sadie Noah

Attest:

  
Officer Administrator, Amanda Keavney