

# Nederland Fire Protection District

## Public Hearing – Petition for Inclusion

6:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, In-Person/Teams Meeting

### Welcome to Public Hearing [Sherry Snyder]

Welcome to the public hearing for Nederland Fire Protection District's petition for inclusion. My name is Sherry Snyder, I am the District Administrator for Nederland Fire and I will be helping to facilitate this public hearing. We're holding this hearing both in-person and on Teams Meeting, which allows participants to join us using a computer, a mobile device, or a regular phone line. We've posted the access information on our website and published it in the Mountain-Ear.

I want to advise everyone that this hearing is being recorded, and the recording is retained as part of the final record. I have turned on the meetings transcription function, and closed captions are available for accessibility. This meeting's attendance and the chat log are also retained for the final record.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the Teams platform, I'll go over some navigation guidance for those using computers or mobile devices and for those using a phone line.

- Basic features - mute/unmute (Ctrl + Shift + M); video; raising hand; chat; change display name
- If it is different from the on-screen name, please put your preferred name in the chat if you wish to comment so that we may address you correctly
- When we get to the public comment period, we'll call on those who wish to speak, in order of notification of request. Please either:
  - Use the hand icon (Ctrl + Shift + K)
  - Add comments or questions in the chat, or
  - Press \* 5 on your phone to signal us if dialing in to the meeting

If there are no questions, I'll turn it over to Chief Schmidtman to begin and conduct the public hearing.

### Call to Order [Charlie Schmidtman]

Thank you, Sherry. Good evening, my name is Charlie Schmidtman, Fire Chief of the Nederland Fire Protection District. I now call this hearing to order.

This is a public hearing held pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Title 32, Special Districts, Section 32-1-401, Inclusion of Territory – Procedure.

Today is Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The time is [state time]., MDT. This is a public hearing being held in-person at Nederland Fire Station 1 located at 650 W 4<sup>th</sup> St., Nederland, CO 80466 and also remotely using the Teams Meeting platform.

Present here today with me are the following individuals:

- Nederland Fire Protection District Board:
  - President – Guy Falsetti
  - Treasurer – Ryan Keeler
  - Secretary – Bob Sheehan
  - Director – Todd Wieseler
- District Administrator, Sherry Snyder

After the petition for inclusion is presented, we will hear comments from the public in the order received. Written comments are also welcome and will be incorporated into the exhibits considered in this proceeding. We ask that you submit written comments via email to Sherry Snyder whose email address is posted on the district's website and listed here in the chat.

[Post email addresses in the chat: [admin@nederlandfire.org](mailto:admin@nederlandfire.org)]

## Hearing Purpose [Chief Schmidtman]

This hearing provides the public with an opportunity to present comments on the petition which will alter the boundaries of the special district by the inclusion of additional real property by the fee owner or owners of one hundred percent of any real property capable of being served with the facilities of the special district.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Board to grant or deny the petition, in whole or in part, with or without conditions, and the action of the board shall be final and conclusive. If the petition is granted as to all or any of the real property therein described, the board shall make an order to that effect and file the same with the clerk of the court and the court shall thereupon order the property to be included in the special district.

District Administrator Snyder will now briefly review the hearing procedure.

## Review of Hearing Procedure [Sherry Snyder]

Thank you, Chief. The procedure we will follow today will be relatively informal. To begin, Chief Schmidtman will present the petition for inclusion and invite public comment on them. Then anyone who wishes to make an oral comment on the petition may do so. After public comments, he will close the comment period and invite our Board President Guy Falsetti will make a motion to grant or deny the petition which will need to pass by a majority vote of the board members who are present.

## Exhibit Review for Petition for Inclusion [Sherry Snyder]

The pre-hearing exhibits for this petition are available on the NFPD website. Additionally, paper copies of the final hearing exhibits can be made available by request to the district.

For the record, I hereby identify the following exhibits:

1. Evidence of Publication in the Mountain-Ear.
2. Public Comment and Hearing Announcement posted on the NFPD website.
3. Notarized copies of the petition for inclusion and copies of deeds showing ownership for each of the real properties.
4. Memo to Maintain Permanent Record.
5. Hearing Attendance Records.
6. Hearing Recordings (video, audio, text).

I now enter Exhibits 1 through 4 into the record for petition for inclusion. Exhibit 5 will be the attendance record from this hearing and Exhibit 6 will be a copy of the video, audio, and text recording of this virtual hearing.

Fire Chief, Charlie Schmidtman, will now present the petition for inclusion. I'll turn it over to you, Chief.

## Petition for Inclusion [Chief Schmidtman]

Thank you, Sherry.

The following real properties and their owners have submitted both their deeds showing ownership and a notarized copy of the petition for inclusion:

- Address, 5205 Ridge Rd, Owner, Brett C. Haberstick
- Address, 5210 Ridge Rd, Owner, Brett C. Haberstick
- Address, 5266 Ridge Rd, Owner, Michael D. Ackerman

## Comment Inquiry [Chief Schmidtman]

We will now hear public comments on the proposed petition.

Sherry, will you please call on individuals asking to comment or with questions?

### {Comments}

[After any/all names are called] Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment today?

Hearing no more comments, I hereby close the oral comment period for these rules. The public comment related to the petition for inclusion is now closed.

That concludes the review and comment period for the petition. I will now ask our Board President Guy Falsetti to review his findings and make a motion.

## Final Public Hearing Findings [Guy Falsetti]

I make the following findings concerning the petition presented in this public hearing today:

1. That the public has been provided an opportunity to comment.
2. That written comments received prior to this hearing have been considered in the decision of this petition.
3. That written and oral comments received today will be considered in the decision concerning the petition.
4. That a record of this proceeding will be prepared and available for inspection by the public. It will be kept on file at the Nederland Fire Protection District permanently.

5. That I, Guy Falsetti, President of the Board of Directors for the Nederland Fire Protection District, has the authority to make a motion to grant or deny the petition for inclusion.

a. At this time, I would like to make a motion to grant the petition for inclusion, in whole, without conditions.

**{at this time the motion must be seconded by any board member and passed by a majority vote}**

b. Please let the record show that the motion was **[passed/failed]** by a majority vote and the Board shall make an order to that effect and file the same with the clerk of the court.

## Adjournment [Chief Schmidtmann]

The time is now [time]. Thank you for your attendance and interest in this process. This hearing is now closed and adjourned.

## Closing Thank You [Sherry Snyder]

Thank you all for participating in our public hearing. Please feel free to reach out to me any questions or comments you have regarding the petition or our public hearing process.