



Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026

Roll Call

Guy Falsetti – present

Russ Panneton – present

Ryan Keeler – present

Bob Sheehan – absent, excused

Todd Wieseler – absent, excused

Chief Charles Schmidtmann – present

Announce quorum & call meeting to order @ 19:02

Approve the meeting agenda 3-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes 3-0-0

Resolution

2026-02 Resolution Adopting Footnote to the 2025 Budget

Motion to adopt 3-0-0

Since President Falsetti is remote, the document will be sent via Docusign in the morning to both him and Treasurer Keeler.

Treasurer's Report

Budget is on track as predicted

We have engaged a new accountant as a resource for budget matters and for the District Administrator to seek advice from

NDDA may not be continuing, would that affect our income from the Town? This could be a good thing for the District. We lose twice the amount of the budget in tax revenue; this would be a net positive if it reroutes back to where it is supposed to go. The Town cannot change how it is used without a vote.

Chief's Report

More applications have been received for our wildland positions than when we hired a captain.

Chief Schmidtman and Administrator Snyder are working on the wildland deployment spreadsheet to reflect a better understanding of costs v. reimbursements. Currently, we are sitting at ~\$250K in the net operating balance for equipment (apparatus) billing, de minimus and benefits overhead. This does not include the net zero costs that cover pay, fuel and incidentals.

Wildland Coordinator Hohnbaum has been gone for over a month on deployment in the Tahoe National Forest.

Centurylink may be discontinuing servicing the hardlines. A complaint was submitted to the utility division about our recent outage and surprisingly, the FCC allows a common carrier to terminate services if they deem it necessary. Starlink has issues with dropping phone calls in our area so it is not fool proof but we have installed it at Station 1 as an extra backup.

Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Joslin has been busy with permitting and making sure Town projects are priority. He has also been fixing the broken network after the outage and helping Wildland Coordinator Hohnbaum start GIS mapping for mitigation work.

2027 Budget

We are going to simplify our budget by reducing the categories.

Revenue went down a little this year, likely due to the Caribou Village Fire.

We have added revenue for wildland deployments and mitigation work above the line as this will be regular income moving forward.

Nothing big has changed. Staff will be grouped under firefighters (captains, wildland team). This will have matching big increases as a result of that for insurance (16% increase in general) and the pension. The current budget hasn't adjusted any salaries at this point, but there is still work to do.

President Falsetti suggested we may want to look at salaries for the captain, fire marshal and chief position. He also suggested hiring a deputy fire marshal to help with inspections and expand our services into the neighboring counties. Chief Schmidtman stated that the new FTE's we are hiring will begin helping with easier inspections to take those off his plate

and there probably isn't enough work to justify hiring a deputy fire marshal specifically. More likely, we need to consider hiring someone to help with administration tasks.

BCFFA contacted Chief Schdmitmann about us helping with administrative tasks for them where the current administrator would take on those responsibilities and BCFFA would pay the department. The majority of the pay would go to the administrator with the remainder to the department to cover costs.

A special meeting may be held in December if necessary to solidify budget adoption.

Old Business

Administrator Snyder is going to call credit card companies and find the best card for the wildland team; the Board approves her and Chief Schmidtman's final decision.

2025 audit is complete once resolution is signed, sent to John Cutler and final document is returned with the footnote added. No need to send back to the Board.

No public statements or comments

Next regular board meeting is October 21,2026 @ 7:00PM

Public Hearing regarding Ridge Road inclusion is on October 21, 2026 @ 6:00PM

Adjourn the meeting @ 20:12