

Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2026

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**Roll Call**

Guy Falsetti – Present  
Todd Wieseler – Present  
Russ Panneton – Present  
Bob Sheehan – Present  
Ryan Keeler – Present  
Chief Charlie Schmidtman – Present

**Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:01**

**Approve the meeting agenda: 5-0-0**

**Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 5-0-0**

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

- None.

**Treasurer's Report**

- \$987,181 in unreserved funds; slightly better than predicted. \$12K from sale of old 5601 is not included.
- \$472,368 total income for March, of which \$469,300 was tax revenue.
- \$117,505 total expenses for March, which was less than predicted.
- Of a total budgeted annual income of \$1,883,863, \$520,901 has been received.
- \$444,891 has been spent to date, which is on-target.
- New Type 3 payment pending (TBD).

**Chief's Report**

- Due to the slow progress on the Type 3 engine, we don't anticipate seeing it before the end of the year. Consequently, the Chief and Sherry have spoken to Republic Bank, and are putting a hold on signing the documents.
- 28600 Boulder Canyon, another MVA, crews had to cut a tree out and stretch a hose line for protection.
- Party that fell in the creek up near Devils Thumb we had 2 rescuers ski up to the patient and were able to get them out.
- Reported up to 5 motorcycles in a crash in Boulder Canyon. Ended up being 2 motorcycles with minor injuries.

- Mutual Aid for a patient that fell from a tree in Sugarloaf's district, they were badly injured. Captain Wheelock and crew were able to stabilize the patient who was then transported by helicopter.

## **Administrative Report**

### **New Hire Update**

- Tim Hohnbaum started 4/6/2026
  - Paperwork including i9, W4, pension and benefits completed on 4/7/2026.
  - Working on granting access to wildland programs.
    - IQS, IROC, CRRF – these all require moving Tim from Oak Creek to NFPD and showing he has approval to do so.
- Uniforms issued, business cards ordered and desk established.
- 5654 was cleaned inside and out in order to provide him with a vehicle.

### **Notary Renewed**

### **Melio for ACH Payments**

Melio is designed for small businesses specifically to pay vendors using ACH without needing "prior approval".

### **VFA Grant Submitted**

Chief Schmidtman started a grant through the VFA/DFPC to help pay for the shipping containers we want to use for the burn building. We would receive up to \$20K, which would cover half of the total cost.

### **Volunteers**

Completed Q1 volunteer reports.

Recruit academy changing for 2026.

- Academy is generally scheduled to start in September. However, we are losing two very important volunteers (Scott and Mandy Papich are moving to Salida) and would like to get ahead of the gap this will cause.
- Advertising has begun for the volunteer search.

### **Sugarloaf Auto-Aid Policy**

Chief Goldman contacted us asking if we could update our auto-aid policy since the last time we had done so was in 1997.

### **EMS Education**

The EMT program is coming to an end and there is a lot of paperwork needing to be created and completed in order to satisfy the requirements of UC Health.

Cameron Moran has once again stepped up to provide us with her expertise in education coordination. This is a HUGE benefit and help to the department and she has been working diligently for the past week.

We have received UC Health's NREMT "style" practice tests that the students must complete. We are hoping to put these into our electronic format through Survey Monkey to allow for quick grading and give students the maximum feedback on their exams.

The Administrator, Sherry, has completed many tasks to facilitate the EMS program.

#### Auxillary

Thank you cards were ordered for the auxiliary for a customized message.

Very Nice Brewing Chili Cook-Off was 4/12, there was a HUGE turnout with the lines forming out the door! 263 cups and 29 bowls of chili were sold. Total sales for the event were \$1694 which will be split between Timberline and Ned (\$847/each).

#### Operations/Wildland

Museum/Entry: work continues to progress, Captain Faes, Sherry and Daniel have been painting and installing new lights.

Sherry has been working with John Winchester at Sugarloaf Fire to help with our fire hydrant on Cold Springs that is owned by Boulder.

Strategic plan is moving forward but currently waiting on some surveys before we have any more movement.

We also hired a new PRN paramedic. His name is Colin Stenhouse. He works for AMR and is a single resource paramedic that goes out on national deployments.

We are planning on hosting a community wildfire preparedness meeting at the Nederland Community Center at 19:00 on April 29th.

Captain Wheelock and WC Hohnbaum have a tentative 130/190 class scheduled for new recruits. We are currently working on how to make this work with a recruit academy.

FF Abramson and FF Carpenter ran an evening and a Saturday training focusing on wildland urban interface. Eric took the time to contact all the neighbors in his subdivision so we could go do real life home assessments and triage.

AMR came up and taught an infectious disease lecture.

#### **Fire Marshal's Report**

#### Permits and Inspections -

- We received a request for help from Timberline to review an NFPA 13D system. Fire Marshal is working with the chiefs to develop a plan to help review residential sprinkler permits in the future.

#### Community Center West Wing –

- Town is nearly complete with the initial phase of bringing the West Wing into compliance. All storage has been greatly reduced, and remaining storage has been moved to the north side of the hallway, and the units on the south side have been cleared out.

#### Post Office –

- USPS has repairs being planned and coordinated with a contractor. We are monitoring the progress and planning an inspection of the facility next month.

#### Chipeta Park Fire –

- A fire at Chipeta Park during the early morning hours of Wednesday April 8th destroyed two porta-potties and partially torched a nearby tree. A thorough investigation is ongoing. Currently we suspect possible arson.

#### Fire Danger Sign –

- The new fire danger sign has arrived. A locate request was completed, and we've begun to dig the holes and assemble the sign which will go out on the P2P Hwy by Station 1.

#### IT –

- First Due had issues due to changes made at BCSO data side, while implementing a neighboring agency. It took a while to figure out what was going on as both BCSO and First Due were pointing their fingers at each other.

#### Public Outreach –

- The Very Nice Brewing Chili Cook-Off fundraiser was a great success.

#### Address and Street Signs –

- Fire Marshal working with Boulder Watershed Collective to combine resources and provide more signs. We are planning a sign event in May.

#### Wildfire Resiliency Code Adoption –

- Town adopted the Wildfire Resiliency Code at the March 31st Board of Trustees meeting.

#### Training –

- Fire Marshal attended the NFPD structure triage course this past weekend, it was a solid training and well attended.
- Fire Marshal completed online course for FI-110, and pre-course work for FI-210 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination, for class in Missoula, MT next week.

**New Business**

- None.

**Old Business**

- Board Comment on Strategic Plan 2026.

**Special Executive Session**

- None.

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

- None.

**Other Business**

- None.

**Next Regular Board Meeting: May 20, 2026**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 5-0-0**

**Adjourn the Meeting @ 20:05**