

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

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Roll Call

Guy Falsetti – Present
Todd Wieseler – Present
Russ Panneton – Present, delayed
Bob Sheehan – Present
Ryan Keeler – Absent, excused
Chief Charlie Schmidtman – Present

Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:04

Approve the meeting agenda: 3-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 3-0-0

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- ☐ None.

Treasurer's Report

- ☐ We have \$1,315,600 in unreserved funds, which is higher than predicted.
- ☐ Another significant influx of tax revenue in June: \$143,500.
- ☐ June's spend of \$164,590 was more than budgeted due to insurance premiums.
- ☐ Tax revenue is at 71% of annual expectation. This is ahead of the YTD prediction.
- ☐ Total Budgeted Income is \$1,883,863. Pending Income is \$581,423.
- ☐ Total YTD spend is \$752,575, which is on target.
- ☐ New Type 3 payment pending (TBD)
- ☐ Funds are in good shape for other large payments.
- ☐ 2026 predictive model shows we are on track (or ahead) relative to prediction.
- ☐ Overall, our financials are good.

Chief's Report

- ☐ Calls since last meeting: 54
- ☐ Calls total: 272
- ☐ Campfire calls: 11
- ☐ Smoke reports: 5
- ☐ Cardiac problem walk-in.
- ☐ Large gas line hit on Blue Spruce Road.

- ☐ Mutual aid with Timberline for a dog bite, and another one for a sick and confused party.
- ☐ Law enforcement assist for an out-of-control female in West Magnolia.
- ☐ Fire caused by a lightning strike on Caribou Road. Great response by NFPD, Timberline, USFS and BCSO Fire Management.
- ☐ Chief Schmidtman and Captain Faes completed grading and rock wall construction at station 2. The town supplied the rock.
- ☐ The interior lights at station 2 have been upgraded to LEDs by Captain Faes and FM Murphy.
- ☐ We now have a digital road sign, currently parked at the east entrance to town, informing the public of the fire ban, fine for violating the ban, and our URL.
- ☐ CDOT has installed signs at the entrances to our district, informing the public that they have entered the Nederland Fire Protection District.
- ☐ WC Hohnbaum is on the Aspen Acres fire.
- ☐ We had additional crew on the Gold Mountain fire in Ouray.
- ☐ Eldora Civic Society has been hosting events at station 3. We have been cleaning the station to keep it available for these events.
- ☐ Chief Schmidtman is revisiting salaries of the staff. Adjustment might be necessary.
- ☐ Chief Schmidtman, WC Hohnbaum and FM Murphy went to Boise to inspect the new 5603. We hope to see it in the next month.
- ☐ 5640 was decommissioned and returned to the State.
- ☐ Multiple trucks are undergoing various levels of maintenance to preserve their readiness.
- ☐ Captain Wheelock designed and completed a wildland class for 8 of the new recruits.
- ☐ Captain Wheelock taught a class on structure attack with access issues.
- ☐ FM Murphy and Probationary FF Summerside held a tender training, and they are currently planning on hosting "Tender Tuesdays" each month.
- ☐ AMR presented "sick" and "not sick" patients.
- ☐ Chief Schmidtman provided medical coverage for last weekend's Ned Gravel race.

Administrator's Report

- ☐ EMS Naloxone project is still underway.
- ☐ Captain Wheelock, Chief Schmidtman and Captain Faes have completed their training.
- ☐ Ambulance licensing has been completed.
- ☐ Fire Captain/Paramedic Hiring
 - ☐ Opening was re-posted at the end of June and is open until July 18.
 - ☐ An applicant who was scheduled to be interviewed today had to cancel due to an out-of-state car accident.
 - ☐ All other Candidates will be interviewed after the position has closed.
- ☐ Address Signs
 - ☐ 96% of pre-ordered signs have been configured.

- 75 residents asked the FD to install their signs, 60 of which have been completed.
 - Over 20 signs remain to be picked up for those who wanted to install the signs themselves.
- Finance
 - Fire billing for 2026 has begun.
 - Currently, we are owed \$123,082.61 by DFPC. \$54,579.30 of that is for use of our equipment.
- Station Improvements
 - Museum is 99% complete.
 - Cracked/unsealed windows were replaced last week.
 - Shattered window in SCBA room was replaced.
- Inclusion
 - Working with SLFPD to complete inclusion of 5250 Ridge Road into our district.
 - SLFPD still needs to complete a public hearing for exclusion of 5250 Ridge Road.
 - NFPD paid \$1000 for legal fees associated with this process.
 - Two additional properties have expressed interest in transferring from SLFPD to NFPD. We're waiting on the necessary paperwork.

Fire Marshal's Report

- So far this month ...
 - 10 new construction/operational permits
 - 5 large special event permits
 - 3 construction permits closed/finalized
 - 6 plan reviews completed
 - 8 inspections completed
- Wildfire investigation report for 1001 Caribou Road has been completed, reviewed and submitted to BCSO. Findings indicate a lightning strike as the cause.
- Contractors have completed the on-site assessment of the Post Office sprinkler system repairs. Repair plans are being drafted.
- More than 97% of fire and life-safety systems across the District are currently compliant.
- The Fire Marshal supported the installation, repair and reconfiguration of the "new-to-us" roadside message board in coordination with the Chief.
- The Fire Marshal helped the team with sign making.

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- None.

Special Executive Session

- None.

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

☐ None.

Other Business

☐ None.

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 19, 2026

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 4-0-0

Adjourn the Meeting @ 20:14