

Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2025

** This meeting is being recorded **

Roll Call

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

Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:04

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Approve the meeting agenda: 4-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 4-0-0

Treasurer's Report

- Roughly \$43K of income, which is as expected.
- \$139K of income is still coming.
- \$201K overspent in August due to the ambulance. The cost will be moved to Capital Outlay. We expect to receive \$108K from a grant for the ambulance.
- Our unreserved funds remain above estimate.
- 2026 predictions show that funds are expected to continue to be in good shape.

Chief's Report

- Rescue on the Arapahoe Pass Trail - 8 hour rescue.
- 5652 needs to be replaced. Christophers Dodge World has provided a quote for ~\$47K, which is a very good price.
- **Motion to waive the required three bid procedure for this particular purchase: 4-0-0**
- Motorcycle crash by Castle Rock with significant injuries.
- The Chief announced the passing of our former Fire Mechanic Bill Baumgartner. Bill served Nederland Fire from 1999 to 2021. He was 80 years old.
- We hosted the funeral for Lt Ken Kehoe. The service was attended by over 300 people. The family is very grateful to Nederland Fire for assisting them in the remembrance of Ken. We learned that over 200 people were watching online as well.
- Captain Wheelock prepared the burn trailer for transport.

- Sarah Irwin-Powell and Illana Pearlman are bringing back the Nederland Auxiliary. They need to finish the 501c-3 and therefore will need to get their own EIN number. Their first event they are assisting with is the engine 1 push in ceremony scheduled for 10/26.
- PIO Abramson was on deployment in Montana and has returned.
- FF Rik Henrikson is in Wyoming on deployment as a Med-L.
- 5633- (Old) Sold at auction for \$14,000!
- 5641- FM Murphy rebuilt the pump, the primer and performed a pump test on it and is now back in service (Captain Faes did some of that as well).
- 5650, 5651, 5624- were involved in a hailstorm and all got damaged. 5650 was the worst off, we have had the adjusters here and the first to go out for service is 5624. Total in damage was approximately 17k.
- 5621- Was licensed and has been placed in service, all medications have been transferred into the new ambulance as well as all the equipment.
- 5601 (old)- has had a complete pump failure. Unfortunately, no parts are available. The least expensive repair would be about \$100K, and that would not restore the original functionality.

Fire Marshal's Report

- No major issues with plan review and inspections. Completed all Town of Nederland facilities the past month with no major concerns.
- Nederland Elementary School has corrected all the minor issues from their previous inspection, and they have now passed in time for their state pre-school license.
- The County has Nederland Fire scheduled for a 2024 IFC adoption hearing on October 9th at 3pm at the Boulder County Courthouse before the Fire Code Review Committee.
- CAD link is down, after even more troubleshooting. We are still waiting for a response from Central Square and BSCO.
- We are still adjusting FirstDue dispatching with our new integration to get better initial call information.

Old Business

- Chief's annual evaluation.
 - Tentatively schedule the Special executive Session for 10/22/2025 at 19:00.
- File of Life.
- Policy for collection of debts - draft
 - All debts less than \$1000.00 will utilize the collections process of a \$50.00 "past due" fee applied after ninety (90) and a 35% additional fee applied at one hundred-eighty (180) days with the delinquent account being sent to Bonded Business Services Ltd (BBS) for the purpose of collecting on such account.
 - Debts greater than \$1000.00 involving real property within the Nederland Fire Protection District will utilize a Colorado Mechanic's Lien filed with the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder with the minimum statutory interest rate as set forth in C.R.S. § 5-12-103(3). Debts greater than \$1000.00 not involving real

properties within District boundaries shall follow the collections process as defined above.

New Business

- 2024 IFC.
- **Motion to adopt 2024 IFC with the replacement of “three days” with “three business days” in section 112.1 General: 4-0-0.**
- 2026 Budget.
 - Income will increase minimally: 1.9%.
 - Vehicle and building maintenance expected expenses will decrease by 48%, mostly because the new ambulance’s cost will not be carried forward.
 - Gross wages will increase by 2.7% (CORA)
 - Total administrative expenses are budgeted to increase by 4.2%.

Special Executive Session

- None.

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Other Business

- None.

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 15, 2025

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 4-0-0

Adjourn the Meeting @ 20:18