

Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026

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Roll Call

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

Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:04

Approve the meeting agenda: 5-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 5-0-0

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01 – Adopting and Amending the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and Appendices: 5-0-0

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Treasurer's Report

- We have \$1,600,629 in unreserved funds, which is higher than predicted.
- Another significant influx of tax revenue in July: \$364,800.
- July's spend of \$156,107 was more than budgeted.
- Tax revenue is at 91% of annual expectation. This is on-target for the YTD prediction.
- Total Budgeted Income is \$1,883,863. Pending Income is \$216,609.
- Total YTD spend is \$1,086,702, 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 ahead relative to prediction.
- Overall, our financials are good.

Chief's Report

- Calls of Significance
 - Heatstroke at a business downtown.
 - Backcountry rescue up Fourth of July mid 70's years old male fell approximately 20'.
 - GI bleed at a residence downtown.
 - Wildland fire caused by a lightning strike in Big Springs on Peakview drive.

- MVA at the Summer Rd and Boulder Canyon.
- Code Black in the Cold Springs area.
- MVA at the roundabout.
- Mutual Aid for Timberline for a patient with abdominal pain.
- Mutual Aid for Timberline for moose attack.
- Box Truck vs cyclist at Magnolia and Peak to Peak.
- Rescue up 4th of July for a lost party.
- Wildland fire on Indian Peaks Dr. from a lightning strike.
- Car vs Tree causing a car fire on Sugarloaf Rd.
- EMS
 - Naloxone Project
 - Complete, administrative rights will be handed over to the EMS Captain.
 - Ambulance licensing
 - State did not like our policy for minimum equipment on the ambulance. It was re-written and submitted again using a combination of our policy and the one the State provided.
 - Captain Wheelock has been working for several days trying to reorganize the med closet and all the storage.
 - Chief Schmidtmann had to apply for our own license for the DEA and move our license out from under our medical director.
 - When we went to go order new Narcotics from BCH which we have been doing since the beginning of carrying of narcotics, The Chief was told that they will no longer help us fill medications, so have had to create a new method and provider.
- FIRE CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC HIRING
 - Conditional offer was signed and received on 8/13.
 - Background check has been completed by candidate.
 - Pre-employment physical has been assigned through Concentra and must be completed by 08.28.2026.
 - Start date scheduled for 09.14.2026.
- ADDRESS SIGNS
 - All 100 signs have been claimed!
 - Two signs remain to be installed.
 - All other signs have been picked up and/or dropped off that the property address.
- FINANCE
 - Fire Billing – on average, the department makes ~54% profit on each deployment.
 - Total bills submitted to the State \$299,371.24.
 - Total out-of-pocket for the department \$85,415.88.
 - Volunteers = standard time \$13,716.42.
 - Staff = standard & OT \$41,703.71.
 - Fuel = \$5,888.29.
 - Lodging = \$21,168.46.
 - Meals & incidentals (per diem) = \$2,939.00.

- Status of current bills (there are 5 steps total and these are in the order they were submitted)
 - Ash Pole (4 – Eligibility Checker) \$15,636.85
 - Sharpe (4 - Eligibility Checker) \$18,083.95
 - South Fork (5 – Invoicer) \$29,542.50
 - Gold Mountain (4 – Eligibility Checker) \$59,680.85
 - Aspen Acres EOC (2 – Billing Approver) \$14,653.04
 - Aspen Acres (2 – Billing Approver) \$44,214.69
 - ONC Support (1 – Data Entry) \$117,420.90
 - Must submit credit card statement with this bill which will not be available until the end of the month.
- INCLUSION
 - We have received paperwork for two properties (one owner).
 - 5205 Ridge Rd – Needs inclusion only as this property is not currently included in any fire district.
 - 5210 Ridge Rd – Need inclusion and exclusion.
 - Currently, we are waiting for one final property owner at 5266 Ridge Rd in hopes of doing the entire process together.
- OPERATIONS/WILDLAND
 - New tables have been built and installed in the Training room!
 - Shower repairs by both FF M. Schmidtman and Captain Faes. Next year we will have to replace at the least both upstairs showers and possibly the floors in both bathrooms.
 - Chief Schmidtman met with Xcel Energy for an energy audit. We are currently waiting on the report, but with all the improvements we have made over the last few years we are headed in the right direction. The Auditor said that he believes we are eligible to have Xcel pay an electrician to come in and replace any fluorescents with LED's that we haven't already replaced.
 - Chief Schmidtman has also met with several solar contractors to get quotes on a solar carport on the south apron; we are looking at different opportunities for grants for this project.
 - Captain Faes and FM Murphy rigged up a way to clean out the clogged dryer vent.
 - All cellphones and internet were down for about 16 hours (internet longer) due to woodpeckers taking down the fiber.
 - The light post bollard rusted out and FM Murphy and Captain Faes had to cut out some bolts and reattach them in order to secure the bollard.
 - Captain Wheelock is in the process of creating a Job Description for our new Wildland team members.
 - We have a Mod out in Tahoe currently with 7 people and we have 7 that left today. We think this will be our last crew swap due to not having a replacement Engine Boss.
 - Chief Schmidtman, Captain Wheelock, and FM Joslin worked on the layout of buildings for the new training area. We needed to get this done so the town could have the description in the IGA.

- VEHICLES
 - 5603 (New) we are still waiting....
 - 5602- Transmission leak from the Aspen Fire has been repaired. Oil and filters were changed.
 - 5652- All equipment has been installed and the build is complete.
 - 5651- PM maintenance performed.
 - 5653- New engine was assembled incorrectly and was sent back to the builder. We are waiting for a replacement.
 - 5641- Several emergency lights were out and have been repaired.
- SAFETY/TRAINING
 - There have been several classes taught this month:
 - EMS: Classes on:
 - Strokes
 - Handtevy app and use
 - EMS scenarios
 - Wildland classes:
 - Apparatus familiarization and pump use.
 - Structure:
 - Tender Tuesday: all about tender operations, Thanks to Probationary FF Summerside for bringing in all the chicken tenders!
 - 2 days of Apparatus operations.
 - 2 days of Defensive operations.

Fire Marshal's Report

- So far, in the month of August, we have received or completed the following –
 - 11 new construction or operational permits
 - 3 large special event permits approved - each requires an approved Emergency Operations Plan
 - 3 construction permits closed/finalized
 - 12 plan reviews completed
 - 10 inspections completed
- The wildfire investigation reports for Peakview Drive and Indian Peaks Drive have been completed, reviewed, and submitted to BCSO. Findings indicate both fires originated from lightning strikes to trees.
- Post Office Update: Alarm repairs have been made. Waiting for a 3rd party inspection to be completed. Still working on moving sprinkler system repairs forward.
- Overall compliance of fire and life-safety systems across the district remains high.
- FM Joslin met with Town to do a walkthrough of the Big Springs Pump House facility to discuss mitigation and hardening which would improve infrastructure resiliency.
- Met with Town to advise an adjustment to project and timeline priorities for a couple hydrants.

- Worked with Town to address three separate fire code compliance issues. Two have since been addressed fully. Working on a long-term plan for the third issue which has been temporarily mitigated.
- Worked with DFPC to create a plan to get NFPD published as “compliant” for the adoption of the Wildfire Resiliency Code.
- IT - Firewall Incident
 - The primary network firewall experienced a hardware failure over the weekend, separate from the fiber issue.
 - Network traffic was successfully rerouted through individual ISP routers to maintain continuity. Unfortunately, the Lumen/CenturyLink fiber issue resulted in a loss of network.
 - The temporary routing patch is stable, and essential security protocols remain active.
 - Replacement parts are ordered and arriving by the end of the week.
- IT – Redundancy
 - We researched options to improve our backup internet and system reliability.
 - Reviewed those options with Chief to discuss costs and practical benefits.
 - Overall, our system is strong and there are some options to improve our ability to adapt in the event of another emergency such as the two we experienced the past week.
 - Our BRETSA CAD-link has some requirements that we need to keep in mind while we attempt to plan for the future or improve our current situation.
- IT – GIS and Mapping
 - Helped layout, map, and draw basic site plans for the new training facility which were required for the IGA with Town to be drafted.
- Wildland Shirts
 - Worked with Tim, Sherry, and Chief to get new logos, shirts designed for the Wildland Team.

New Business

- Approval of Audit
We’re sending the audit back to the auditor.
- Petty cash for deployments
We’re looking into a way to have cash or additional credit available for the deployed crews.
- Wildland Team
We’re looking into hiring a Firefighter and an Engine Boss for wildland deployments as well as local call response.
- Command Vehicle
We need another light-duty truck (pickup) for various roles including possible deployments.

Motion to Approve Purchase of New Diesel Light-Duty Truck: 5-0-0

Old Business

- Review of the Employee Handbook
We'll revisit this in October.

Special Executive Session

- None.

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Other Business

- None.

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 16, 2026

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 5-0-0

Adjourn the Meeting @ 21:27