

Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026

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Roll Call

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

Announce Quorum and Call Meeting to Order @ 19:12

Approve the meeting agenda: 5-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 5-0-0

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Treasurer's Report

- We have \$1,039,947 in unreserved funds, which is higher than predicted.
- Additional tax income received in April was slightly higher than predicted: \$198,789 vs. \$194,200.
- April's spend is less than predicted: \$134,386 vs. ~\$152,000.
- Tax revenue is at 39% of annual expectation. This is ahead of the YTD prediction.
- Total Budgeted Income is \$1,883,863. Pending Income is \$1,164,173.
- Total YTD spend is \$580,482, 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

- We will apply for a five percent (\$30K) grant match for new tender to replace 5640.
- Mutual aid with Sugarloaf Fire 7000 Sugarloaf Rd.
- Three code blacks.
- Baby delivery on the back pad in our ambulance. Great job to the whole crew Captain Faes, FF Irwin Powell, DA Snyder, FF Lynch, FM Joslin and Deputy Cantwell.

- Pipe Bomb standby for the bomb squad at the town shops. Pipe bombs were found on Magnolia.

OPERATIONS/WILDLAND

- Wildland coordinator Hohnbaum and I spoke at a public meeting hosted by Wild Bear at the Library.
- Currently WC Hohnbaum, FF Jones and FF M. Schmidtman are on deployment, they initially started on the Ash Pole Fire in Nebraska and were then moved to the Sharp Fire in Southern Colorado. There is a chance they will get demobed tomorrow.
- We hosted an evening for Wildfire Preparedness at the community center. Thanks to everyone that made the evening a success and to our guest speakers from Wildfire Partners, Boulder County Sort Yard, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder Watershed Collective, and the Boulder ODM and of course our Auxiliary and the Backdoor Theater!
- Everyone has passed their pack tests.

VEHICLES

- 5654 is back in service after having its engine rebuilt.
- 5653 needs a new or rebuilt engine.

SAFETY/TRAINING

- FF Abramson has been teaching several classes with Bocofire including 130/190 our RT130 and Engine Operator.
- Competencies for the spring have just been finished by responders. The focus was on wildland fire.
- A lot of focus on the upcoming WL academy including rewriting parts of the Rookie Book.

EMS

- FM Joslin found a significant glitch in our software that was preventing our trip data from talking to the state.
- Eric Lucas helped create orders for needed medications and Captain Faes has been helping get orders in.
- Captain Wheelock has been working on on-boarding Handtevy for all our responders as well as organizing our narcotics forms.

Administrator's Report

EMS EDUCATION

- All of the EMT students took and passed the UC Health test that was required at the end of the EMT program. This allowed them to be "cleared" to take the NREMT test. So far, only two students have taken and passed the NREMT which is what ultimately rates our course. We are hoping to see additional students in the near future.

- Clinical ride-alongs were schedule with AMR throughout the end of April through mid-May. All but four students have completed their clinicals.
- Paperwork has been uploaded to Drop Box and shared with UC Health.
 - Electronic folders for each student were created that housed the required information.
 - Attendance sheets completed by Alec Biscardi.
 - Quiz tracking completed by Alec Biscardi.
 - Updated syllabus completed by Cameron Moran.
- NFPD website was updated to provide students with information on how to complete their NREMT and Colorado registration for EMT.
- EMT Instructors were all paid.

2026 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer orientation is scheduled to start on 6/14.

We will use the same process as last year to determine who will join the team.

- Chief Approval.
- Background Check.
- Open House on 5/19 @ 6PM.
- Interviews 5/26 – 5/28, the panel will consist of Chief, Fire Marshal Joslin, the on-duty captain (Nick & Glen) and one volunteer (Iain, Alex and Bobby are going to attend one day each).
- Arduous pack test on 6/3 @ 6:00PM.
- Recruit orientation starts on 6/14 @ 6:00PM.

Advertising for volunteers –

- Emails were sent to anyone who filled out our “volunteer interest form” within the last year.
- NFPD website was updated.
- Posted on the Nederland Fire Facebook page.
- Advertisement was sent to The Mountain-Ear to be run as a ¼ page ad for four weeks leading up to the application deadline (Friday May 15th)
- The large message board on the South apron was lent to us by Timberline Fire and Fire Marshal Joslin created a slideshow for messages that included the advertisement for volunteers, the address signs and fire restrictions.

Applicants –

- 18 applications were received, all of which were approved to move forward in the application process.
- 18 background checks were completed, all passed except for 1.
- 17 applicants were invited to the open house on 5/19 @ 6PM.

Interviews –

- Sherry has created an online calendar that will allow applicants to pick the date/time they are available for an interview which will notify both the Chief and Sherry.

FIRE CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC HIRING

Advertising for the position –

- Interviews are expected to take place the second week of June with a new captain starting in July (or earlier) if all goes well.

ADDRESS SIGNS

- All 75 FREE signs were claimed and as of today, we have 86 residents will have reflective signs!

FINANCE

- Q1 taxes completed.
- Working with Krista Settler (with Cutler & Associates) on the 2025 audit. Last communication with her was on 5/1 with our 2025 audit entries.

STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Continuing to work on the museum –

- Furniture was assembled and the museum cleaned to prepare for the open house and interviews.

Skylight Calendar –

- There is a new interactive calendar in the Ops Room which allows us to display all the different activities going on in the department.

Fire Marshal's Report

- Plan reviews and inspections are back in full swing. We are averaging a new permit every day so far this month.
- Nothing new to report with West Wing Community Center or Post Office.
- Nederland Fire Protection District responded to a Fire Assist call at a residence on Peakview Drive in Nederland after a report of a small garage fire. The responding crew confirmed the fire was fully extinguished and requested additional response from Chief Schmidtman and Fire Marshal Joslin to begin an origin-and-cause investigation. At this time, the fire appears to be accidental in nature and consistent with improper handling and disposal of oil-soaked rags used during contracting work at the home. The Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) issued a summons for 4th degree arson to one of the workers. The investigation remains ongoing, and we will not be releasing identifying information about involved parties or additional investigative details while the origin-and-cause process is being completed.
- Reconfigured the existing in-station alerting to work with the updated frequencies and methodology updates from BCSO dispatch. This took quite a while to get the legacy hardware to work with the updates – required the use of serial, Windows XP, and even

dip switches. The Fire Marshal compiled a how-to guide to make it easier to make updates in the future and make the learning curve more manageable.

- Initial address sign campaign was a success. We've begun planning the installations and will continue to take orders throughout the summer.
- The Fire Marshal worked with Town staff and attorney to finalize the amendments and adoption of the 2024 IFC in the Town of Nederland. The amendments will mirror the District's adoption – the first reading at the BOT has been completed and we expect it to get signed into ordinance at the next BOT meeting.
- Completed FI-210 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination, in Missoula, MT.

New Business

- Organizational Review Framework.
- Comedy Event raised \$460 for NFPD.

Old Business

- We agreed to the Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreement with Sugarloaf.

Special Executive Session

- None.

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

- None.

Other Business

- None.

Next Regular Board Meeting: June 17, 2026

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 5-0-0

Adjourn the Meeting @ 20:30