

Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO
with TeleCon Attendance Option Available

Call to Order:

The Regular meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 9:07 AM.

Roll Call:

Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, Dan Johnson, John Piotti, and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Deputy Chief Rick Ihnken, Division Chiefs Kim McDonald, Scott Benson and Lou Laurina, Battalion Chiefs Ryan Cole and Kevin Skaer, Lieutenant Chris Romano, Wildland Coordinator Kyle Iseminger, Wildland Specialist Hannah Ohlson, Fuels Crew Lead Matthew Gerjol, Firefighter Medic Corey Okes, Engineer Mark Nielsen, Firefighter Aaron Baker, Inspectors Natasha Schwartzkopff, Brittany Jones, Amelia Kupperberg, and Jessica Sawyer, Community Resources Officer Steve Lipsher, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Meghan Layfield, Accounting Manager Jessica Fuller, People & Workplace Experience Business Partner Erin Mumma, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, EMS Billing Specialist Martha Bird, Admin Tech Ginger Hatton, Finance Director/Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and District legal counsel Emily Powell.

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to excuse the absence of Director Sinclair.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Guests:

Friends and Family of Staff who participated in the Badge/Oath Ceremony
John Miller, Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe

Approval of Agenda:

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to approve the agenda as amended to add a second Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel related to a personnel matter.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:

None

Badge/Oath Ceremony

Deputy Chief Ihnken presented the oath of office and badge to Mathew Gerjol, Makai Crist, Nick Murray, Eric Paradis, Nick Pollard, Zac Law, Lane Woods, Ty Coker, Jarred Wells, Aaron Kaltenbach and Othmane Guendouz. They were pinned by friends and family. Congratulations to all!

Consent Agenda:

The following items were presented:

Approval of Warrants: August 16, 2025 – September 12, 2025
Financial Report for all funds – August 2025
After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Continued Business:

Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-07 Establishing a Fire Impact Fee and Adopting an Impact Fee Schedule

Attorney Powell presented Resolution 2025-07 Establishing a Fire Impact Fee and Adopting an Impact Fee Schedule. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to approve Resolution 2025-07 Establishing a Fire Impact Fee and Adopting an Impact Fee Schedule with an amendment to add additional language in Section 3 to read that the District may waive the Fire Impact Fee on the development of low- or moderate-income housing or affordable employee housing, with such waiver to be considered by the Board at a public meeting(s) upon submission of a request for waiver made by the developer, in accordance with such rules and procedures as may be approved by the Board on or before December 31, 2025, and as the same may be revised or amended from time to time in the Board's sole discretion.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Consider Approval of the East Dillon Water District Land Purchase Contract

Attorney Powell presented the East Dillon Water District (EDWD) Land Purchase Contract to the Board. The only item of note was that EDWD requested revisions to the contract so that no water rights are conveyed. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to approve the East Dillon Water District Land Purchase Contract with no water rights conveyed for \$84,400 as presented.

Vote: All in favor

Staff Reports:

Attorney's Report

In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell updated the Board on items in her Board report, including the challenges of interpreting the new property tax legislation to determine the cap on property tax revenue for 2026 that will be assessed in 2025. Attorney Powell introduced John Miller, an associate with Ireland Stapleton that will be shadowing her at the District's Board meetings and on future communications.

High Country Training Center

No updates beyond the written report.

Local 4528 Union

President Romano reported that the union wrapped up the MDA collections, which totaled approximately \$12,000.

Wildland

In addition to the written report, Wildland Coordinator Iseminger reported that Wildland Specialist Ohlson will be out the remainder of the year and staff has been allocated to cover her absence.

Finance

In addition to the written report, Finance Director Hartley thanked the Board for approving the Impact Fees Resolution, which will help in diversifying the District's revenue.

Human Resources

No updates beyond the written report.

Community Resource Officer

No updates beyond the written report.

Community Risk Division

No updates beyond the written report.

OPS/EMS Services

In addition to the written report, DC Ihnken gave a shout out to Engineer Fava in running the 9/11 stair climb that was very successful. Additionally, DC Ihnken shared that the District's house band 3113 played at the Dillon Amphitheater and brought the house down.

Fire Chief

In addition to the written report, Chief Schenking updated the Board that the District and Vail Resorts have conceptually agreed on a purchase price of \$50,000 plus due diligence expenses for the District to purchase the land around Station 11 in Keystone to expand the District's Fleets Department.

M/S/P Slivka and Johnson authorized the District to enter into, and for Chief Schenking to sign, a purchase agreement with Vail Resorts for \$50,000 plus due diligence expenses to purchase the land around Station 11 in Keystone.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Board Comments

Broadband Radios

It was the consensus of the Board that staff should expedite the order of new broadband radios for staff in 2025.

Director Piotti congratulated the Board and Staff for approving the Impact Fees. Director Piotti also commented on the draft 2026 Operational Budget and is encouraging staff to look at not staffing Station 10 in Silverthorne. It is his position that adding staff at this time is unsustainable and that caution is warranted given the uncertainty with Property Tax revenue under the new laws.

Executive Session:

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel regarding personnel matters.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Powell certified for the record that the Executive Session constitutes privileged attorney-client communications and would not be recorded. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:15 AM. No staff members attended the Executive Session.

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to move out of Executive Session at 11:35 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Executive Session:

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters related to the Fire Chief position and performance at 11:43 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking and Board Secretary Hartley attended the Executive Session.

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to move out of Executive Session at 12:43 PM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 12:43 PM.

Adjournment:

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Approved this 21st day of October 2025.

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Mary Hartley

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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

Signed by:

Dan Johnson

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Dan Johnson, Board Vice President