

**BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING No. 238
August 26, 2026 at 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Board was held at Fire Station #1 in Beulah, CO.

Board members present were President John Levar, Vice President Mike Smith, and Member John Sartoris. Also in attendance was Chief Bryan Ware and Captain Hunter Richardson. No Community members were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

President John Levar called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST AGENDA.

*Motion was made by John Sartoris to approve agenda as presented; seconded by Mike Smith
Motion carried with no objections.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2026 MEETING.

*Motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by John Sartoris
Motion carried with no objections.*

4. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Currently the District's operating account balance is \$93,584 and the savings account balance is \$3,028. Reviewing the reports provided, all expenses and income for the month were within the normal budget outside of purchasing additional VHF radios for wildland fire communications. The County Assessment has been received which showed that the District lost \$2,068,084 in value because of the Aspen Acres Fire. This is only a partial representation as homes were still assessed for the first part of the year. 2028 assessment is expected to be lower. This decrease in assessment will drop the taxes collected in 2027 for general operations by \$ 27,919 compared to those collected in 2026. The final assessment will be reported by December 1st for the 2027 budget approval.

Motion was made by John Sartoris to approve the Financial Report as is, seconded by Mike Smith. Motion carried with no objections.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT.

- As of today, we have 194 calls for service with 104 of those being EMS and 63 transports. The remaining 90 calls were for fire/rescue. We have responded on 10 Flash Flood Warnings and have had 5 Flash Flood Emergencies, one of which did have a civilian fatality.
- We will be borrowing a High-Water Rescue vehicle from the State DFPC until December 1st.

- We are working with Team Rubicon to being in a group in September to provide rapid aid for flood mitigation around 13 homes that we have identified as an immediate threat.
- Cummins will be on site on Monday to complete repairs and PM on the generator. We have entered into a ongoing PM schedule with them.
- We have demobilized everything from the Aspen Acres fire except for the Ambulance, and Side by Side.
- We have been awarded a DFPC grant for handheld pumps for wildland firefighting in the amount of \$ 6,637
- We should be getting notified in the coming weeks of an award for 2 new slip-on-units totaling \$ 58,380
- We are submitting a Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise grant application for \$ 896,000 to work to remove hazard trees in flood drainages along with around lost homes. We will be notified in December if awarded.
- Apparatus bay floors are completed.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. CWDG Grant Update
 - i. The project is moving smoothly with no issues at this time. YTD report was handed out to the Board Members.
- b. Board Member Position – The Board will need to appoint a new member to fill Kathy Moore’s position at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Major Disaster Declaration – The Board signed a letter to be presented with the Governor’s MDD to President Trump requesting assistance post Aspen Acres Fire.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:56 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Smith, seconded by John Sartoris. Motion carried with no objections.

Meeting adjourned.

Notes by Chief Ware

Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District