



**Grand Fire Protection District No. 1
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of Action**

~ July 13, 2026 ~

Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Alina Bell

Directors Present: Alina Bell, Dan Reynolds, Patty Peterson, Ron Thurston, Philip Brinkman remote

Staff Present: Brad White, Kelly Oxley, Gary Edwards

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on June 8, 2026, was made by Patty, seconded by Dan, was voted on and unanimously approved

Motion to Approve the Agenda for this evening's Board Meeting was made by Dan, seconded by Ron, was voted on and unanimously approved

Public Comment: none present

Financial Reports:

Motion to Approve the Bills/Checks #15704 – 15741 including payroll and deposits, including cash position report, budget to actual, and county tax remittances, was made by Patty, seconded by Dan, was voted on and unanimously approved

Chief's Report:

Gary Edwards introduced himself to the Board, provided a brief background and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to support the Fire and Life Safety Division at Grand Fire. Chief White provided the Board with an operational update that included the implementation of the Wildland Resiliency Code and the impact of entering Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, including the prohibition of fireworks and the requirement for hot work inspections for all welding operations. He also reviewed recent call volume, ongoing professional development initiatives, and the aerial, hose and SCBA flow testing scheduled for the following week. Chief White updated the Board on the Assistant Chief recruitment process, changes to the Resident Program, and the deployment of Grand Fire's Wildland Team to incidents in California, Durango, and the Aspen Acres Fire in El Paso County. A flyer announcing Assistant Chief Thurston's retirement open house was distributed. The Board also discussed the family Station Tour, memorial and Boardroom dedication for Dr. Brooks, as well as the July 4th parade and associated activities. Finally, Chief White reviewed the anticipated delivery timeline for Engine 314, and Board members were given the opportunity to tour the District's new Wildland UTV.

Old Business:

New Business:

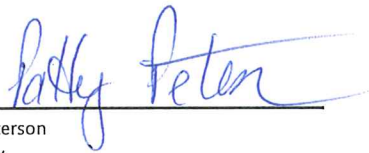
Motion to Approve Chief White's nomination to the SDA Liability Pool was made by Patty, seconded by Ron, was voted on and unanimously approved

Motion to Approve the invoice and final payment for Engine 314 was made by Ron, seconded by Philip, was voted on and unanimously approved

Discussion was had regarding the possible sale, retirement or donation of Engines 310 and 345. The Board was open to donating to another small agency, or local entity within the County for Engine 310. The Board would like to list Engine 345 for sale instead of donating it.

Adjourn: **Motion to Adjourn** was made by Philip, seconded by Dan, was voted on and unanimously approved at 6:55 pm

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Patty Peterson
Secretary