

CENTRAL LYON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 9th, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Introduction of Board, Staff, Guests and Public

In attendance at the District Office Meeting Room: Board President Chuck Ritter, Director Louis Lemaire, Director Tod McIntosh, Director Ray Johnson, Board VP Jenny Williamson, Fire Chief Tim McHargue, Business Manager/HR Director Amber Law, Fire Marshal Mink, Division Chief Shane Nollsch, BC Ryan Johnson, Captain Brad Bolton, FF Tommy Evers, Captain Clayton Van Duyn, Captain Mike Rosario, FF Steven Earle, volunteers Chali Haugen and Noel Chounet, members of the public, Kevin Law, & Charles Shirley. Via Teams: Inspector Traver McQueary, FF Pat Canavan, Captain Josh Cummings & FF Evan Alexander.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Director Jenny Williamson to approve the April 9, 2026, agenda, seconded by Director Ray Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the March 12th, 2026, Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2026, Central Lyon County Fire Protection District Fire Board meeting, with a correction noting the spelling of Marshal to be corrected, was made by Director Jenny Williamson and seconded by Director Ray Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the designation of signers for current District bank accounts held with Nevada State Bank

A motion to approve the designation of signers was made by Director Louie Lemarie and seconded by Director Tod McIntosh. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

A motion to approval the tentative budget for FY 2026-27 was made by Director Tod McIntosh and seconded by Director Jenny Williamson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of the Statement of Work (SOW), Engagement Letter with REDW Advisors & CPAs

A motion to approve the Statement of Work with REDW Advisors & CPAs was made by Director Jenny Williamson and seconded by Director Ray Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval to Consolidating the Ambulance Enterprise Fund with the General Fund in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

A motion was made to consolidate the Ambulance Enterprise Fund with the General fund in FY 2027 budget by Director Tod McIntosh and seconded by Director Louie Lemarie. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval to Accept Award of the NFCA Wildfire Risk Reduction Program Grant for the Rollin A Phase 4 Project.

A motion was made to accept the NFCA Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant for the Rollin A Phase 4 Project by Director Louie Lemarie and seconded by Director Jenny Williamson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of Volunteer Event – Fireman’s Ball.

A motion was made to approve the Fireman’s Ball for Volunteer Station 34, following Chief McHargue’s confirmation with legal, by Director Jenny Williamson and seconded by Director Tod McIntosh. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion Concerning the Six-Month Performance Evaluation of the Fire Chief, Tim McHargue.

The Fire Board discussed the six-month performance evaluation of Fire Chief Tim McHargue and directed Human Resources to place the completed evaluation in his personnel file. The Board’s Overall Board Assessment rated the Fire Chief “Progressing as Expected” as documented in each of their evaluations.

13. Reports:

Chief Report (a)

- Met with volunteer leadership to discuss future direction of the volunteer program, including follow-up meetings with Station 34 personnel; ongoing development of program structure.
- Discussed proposed helipad project at Station 38; item scheduled for Planning Commission review.
- Initiated preliminary discussions regarding long-term needs and condition of the Silver City Fire Station.
- Met with developers regarding proposed data center projects; emphasized current limitations in fire protection capabilities and identified future staffing, equipment, and facility needs.
- Participated in regional and stakeholder meetings, including coordination with Battle Born Ambulance to improve operational efficiency.
- Continued planning for apparatus replacement, including exploration of ordering a new fire engine to address rising costs and long lead times.
- Evaluating sale of existing ladder truck to support future apparatus purchases.
- Labor management discussions included cancer screening initiatives, light duty assignments, and workforce health and safety priorities.
- Ongoing coordination with regional partners regarding workers’ compensation coverage.
- Continued outreach through attendance at Citizen Advisory Board meetings across multiple communities.
- Supporting recruitment and diversity initiatives, including participation in upcoming training events with the Silver State Women in Fire group.
- Addressing current staffing vacancies and evaluating hiring strategies.

- Initiating comprehensive review and update of the District's mission, vision, and core values with input from all personnel with Board review to follow.

Fire Board Members (b)

- Director Jenny Williamson:
 - Requested follow-up regarding the previously discussed cancellation of the scholarship fund.
 - Staff confirmed coordination with the Department of Taxation and reported that no funds are required to be returned and no further action is needed.
 - Inquired about peer support resources related to a recent incident at the high school.
 - Staff advised that follow-up will occur with the appropriate personnel and an update will be provided.
- Director Ray Johnson:
 - Inquired about recent changes to payroll deductions.
 - Staff advised that Social Security deductions were not withheld due to findings from a PERS audit.
 - Reported that certain Board members are eligible for PERS participation, requiring retroactive corrections.
 - Noted that staff is working with auditors to determine impacts, including potential reimbursement of Social Security contributions and associated adjustments.
 - Advised that the process may require amended tax filings and that formal communication will be provided.
- Director Tod McIntosh:
 - Expressed appreciation to staff, including the Fire Chief, Amber Law, and AC Ryan McIntosh, for their work on the budget.
 - Commended the quality, detail, and clarity of the budget presentation.
 - Noted that the presentation was informative and enhanced understanding of the budget.
- Director Louie Lemarie:
 - Shared positive feedback from a constituent regarding a recent response by fire district personnel.
 - Reported that the crew's professionalism and care were greatly appreciated by the family involved.
 - Expressed gratitude to staff for their service and commitment to the community.
- Director Chuck Ritter:
 - Expressed appreciation for on-duty personnel and acknowledged their continued response efforts in the community.
 - Provided support for the implementation of employee identification cards, noting their value for access during emergency incidents and road closures.
 - Highlighted security concerns, including the potential for impersonation of emergency personnel, reinforcing the importance of proper identification.
 - Commended staff for their work on the budget and recognized the team's overall efforts and performance.

Assistant Fire Chief Report (c)

- N/A

Fire Marshal Report (d) (Presented by Fire Chief McHargue)

- Report included updates on fire investigations, with three incidents noted during the reporting period.
- Provided mutual aid assistance to North Lyon Fire Protection District.
- Ongoing activities included inspections, training, and oversight of new construction projects.
- Noted participation in meetings with Arevia Power and Microsoft regarding large-scale development projects.
- Discussed the scale and fire protection challenges of proposed “wide-rise” facilities, emphasizing limitations of suppression systems based on recent large-loss fire incidents.
- Report included updates on public education efforts and operational activities; Board members were directed to review the full dashboard for additional details.

Division Chief of Risk Reduction Report (e)

- Provided update on grant activities, including initiation of the 2026 NFCA grant cycle with work anticipated to begin after June 1.
- Reported that the 2025 grant is nearing completion, with project closeout expected prior to June 1.
- Coordinating with Mound House and Dayton Citizen Advisory Boards to support development of Firewise and Living With Fire community initiatives.
- Identified ongoing efforts to position projects and partnerships for future grant opportunities, including the 2027 funding cycle.
- Emphasized strategic engagement with community groups to establish conditions for additional funding and program expansion.

Central Lyon County Fire Chiefs Association (f)

- Representative BC Ryan Johnson expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support of personnel and organizational efforts.
- Acknowledged the leadership, direction, and transparency of Fire Chief McHargue, noting it has been beneficial to staff and operations.
- Recognized the collective efforts of firefighters, fire prevention personnel, volunteers, and staff in supporting the District’s mission.
- Commended administrative staff, including Amber Law, for the clarity and transparency of the budget, describing it as one of the most well-presented in recent years.
- Emphasized the importance of teamwork across all levels of the organization.

Local 4728 (d)

- Association President Captain Brad Bolton provided feedback on Fire Chief McHargue’s first six months, noting his diligence in gathering information, willingness to engage with all stakeholders, and measured approach to decision-making.
- Acknowledged the Chief’s active involvement with personnel, including participation in training and interagency coordination efforts.
- Expressed support for ongoing development of the District’s mission, vision, and core values, emphasizing alignment with organizational culture.
- Reported attendance at the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) conference and highlighted increased access to resources, including data analytics support.
- Noted progress in labor negotiations, with continued work anticipated following completion of the budget.

- Shared that membership surveys have been conducted to identify priorities, with additional follow-up planned.
- Advised that the IAFF Local 4728 may participate in upcoming local political engagement and endorsements.

Volunteers (c)

- Noel Chounet Station 34 expressed appreciation for the Fire Chief's transparency, communication, and engagement with volunteer personnel.
- Reported positive feedback from volunteers following recent meetings, noting they felt informed, valued, and included in discussions regarding Station 38.
- Highlighted improved communication and collaboration between leadership and volunteers.
- Shared that recent positive emergency response interactions inspired community members to pursue volunteer opportunities.
- Noted increased emphasis on inclusion in training, with collaborative training opportunities being developed between career and volunteer personnel.
- Reported upcoming wildland training efforts, including RT-130 refreshers and local hazard familiarization in coordination with partner agencies.
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Legislative Bills (e)

- N/A

Interagency Interactions (e)

- N/A

14. Review of Financial Report

A motion was made by Director Ray Johnson to approve the financial report as presented, totaling \$1,303,434.01, seconded by Director Tod McIntosh. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Public Comment

- Amber Law expressed appreciation for staff and volunteers, noting strong support, collaboration, and a positive learning experience through the negotiations process. She acknowledged improved organizational progress and morale.
- Charles Shirley commended the Fire Board and staff for implementing a line-item budget, noting increased transparency and accessibility of financial information.
- Noel Chounet recognized Fire Inspector Hood for his responsiveness in addressing issues with the online burn permit system in Silver City and for providing interim solutions to support residents.
- Noel Chounet also inquired about opioid settlement funding; staff confirmed the District receives limited funds designated for specific uses, such as medication and supplies, and will consider including this information in future budget reporting.

16. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Staci Loncar