



**EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2026 | 10:30AM
20436 S. Hwy 97, Harrison, ID 83833**

Present:

Commissioners: Loren Nelson & Gil Moncrief (in Person), Akos Ador (Online)
Fire Chief Jerry Lynn
District Clerk Amber Loewe
Auxiliary President Deb Stone

Commissioner Ador opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the East Side Fire District Board of Commissioners at 1030 hours.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Agenda:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the April 8, 2026 agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- B. Minutes:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2026. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.
- C. Financials and Bills/Expense Reports:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the financial and expense reports as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. BUSINESS

- A. Fire Chiefs Report: Lynn** – Chief Lynn began by stating we had 18 calls in March. Nine fire calls, five medical and four mutual aid. He believes we will be higher in call volume than last year.
 - 1. Equipment:** There is no equipment update. 1463 is at Station 2 and the settlement check from the insurance company has not yet arrived. Discussion ensued to replace the tender in the future.
 - 2. Operations:**
 - a. April Training:** Wildland Fire Preparation. The Idaho Department of Lands will be at our Wednesday night training.
 - b. Extra Training:** Pizza and Practice - TBD
 - c. Development:** Impact Fees: \$170,644.00
 - d. Fundamentals:** We wrapped up on 3/31 with five new Firefighters.
 - 3. Facilities:**
 - a. Station 2:** The windows have been installed in the bunk rooms as well as the day room. The furniture is in at Runge's with the exception of the recliners for the day room. They are about two weeks out. Smoke detectors are being installed today at Station 2.

- b. Station 2:** The asphalt needs to be sealed. We are waiting for a bid which may be around \$14,000.00.

B. EMS Report: Pegoraro (absent – reported on by Chief Lynn)

- 1. Kootenai County EMS/County Agencies:** The next KCEMSS BLS meeting is scheduled for April 21st. Deputy Chief Pegoraro attended the new KCEMSS QA/QI meeting with the other EMS agencies. They discussed setting up a new QA/QI program for our departments. She will be working with EMS Deputy Botai on implementing this.

Chief Ivy and Chief Grief had to reschedule their visit with us on Thursday March 12th because of the wind event. They will be rescheduling for another day soon.

- 2. Operations:**

- a. EMS Response:** We are still a bit shorthanded on EMS responders and are continuing to work on alternative coverage opportunities including searching for potential resident responders. Deputy Chief Pegoraro spoke with an instructor from the NIC EMT program who will be looking for potential students in his class that are set to graduate in May.

- b. Capstone:** Deputy Chief Pegoraro will not be in attendance for this commissioner meeting as she will be with CDA Fire finishing the final shift of her paramedic capstone. She will now be studying to take her final national exams. She thanks everyone for their extra patience during her time away.

- 3. Training:** EMS training for this month will be on April 13th and focusing on additional ambulance training as well as anaphylactic emergencies. Our EMS Connect training for this month will be held on April 21st and will cover diabetic emergencies.

C. ESFD Auxiliary Report: Stone

- 1.** The Auxiliary bank balance is currently \$49,649.61.
- 2. Pancake Breakfast:** They are working on getting gift cards from outside vendors. They will be going through the apparel to see what is needed to order.
- 3.** The Auxiliary meeting is next Monday so there is not a lot of progress to report at this time.

D. DISCUSSION: Line of Duty Injury Long Term Liability

- 1.** Chief Lynn wanted to bring this up due to a debilitating injury that resulted from the 1462 rollover. He spoke with our insurance and they will defend us if it comes to a lawsuit. He would like to see that we would create a policy or liability form. Worley Fire has their volunteers sign a liability form releasing the district from liability. Commissioner Nelson stated that we need to be there for our volunteers, especially in a line of duty accident. He'd be interested in paying in short term but would like to see what our insurance limitations are and consider increasing it. He stated that he has been here since 2009 and has not had a serious problem like this. Chief Lynn asked how to mitigate and

minimize it. Commissioner Moncrief asked if there's a liability waiver would it hold up. Deb Stone, a former lawyer, said she doesn't know Idaho Law but if there's intentional act or negligence involved it wouldn't hold up. There's concern about volunteer backlash on signing the liability. Commissioner Nelson stated that we could reach out to other districts to see what they have.

E. DISCUSSION: Line of Duty Injury Short Term Wage Compensation

1. Workman's Comp will pay 67% of a person's wages. ESNF currently does not have any policy in place to help compensate the difference. Per WC, there is no parameters on how short "short term" compensation is but it depends on what the doctor involved states on recovery. Once the person reaches their "new normal", WC stops and it moves over to SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) but may not cover everything that they received. The commissioners are interested in looking into compensation for the missing 33% of the wages missed if it comes to that. There will need to be a policy created for this.

F. DISCUSSION: Idaho State Fire Commissioners' Association Meeting

1. Commissioner Moncrief started off by complementing everyone in the department because we are in compliance with statutes. He does think we need to come up with a driving safety plan, have a program in place and have that as backup. Keith Botai will be attending a three-day course that goes over safety practices for driving apparatus and will help with training and implementing this information for ESNF volunteers.
2. Commissioner Nelson stated that there was a lot of discussion about what it takes to run a fire district and background legislation and he felt like it is beneficial to keep the membership with ISFCA.
3. Chief Lynn stated he and District Clerk Loewe made a list of action items that they will be going through to update policies and procedures.
4. There was discussion about discussing property sales which led Chief Lynn to realize that we need to relist the property before May. That will need to be an executive session meeting.

IV. UPCOMING WORK AND CONSIDERATIONS

- A. The next ESNF Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th.
- B. In June, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16th.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Per ESNF Policy P200, Public Comment will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and discussion will be restricted to items on the Business Section of the published agenda, and only to those items.*) - None

VI. ACTION ITEM: CLOSE MEETING

Commissioner Moncrief moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, which carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Moncrief closed the meeting at 1107 hours.