



EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2026 | 10:30AM
20436 S. Hwy 97, Harrison, ID 83833

Present:

Commissioners: Loren Nelson; Gil Moncrief & Akos Ador via ZOOM

Fire Chief Jerry Lynn

Deputy Chief Charlotte Pegoraro

District Clerk Amber Loewe

Auxiliary President Deb Stone

Public: Carlene Cada, Nanci Currie

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 February 11, 2026 agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Minutes: Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the minutes for January 21, 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.

III. BUSINESS

A. Fire Chiefs Report: Lynn

1. Equipment: We will be moving the routine maintenance on the apparatus to an in-house duty which will save the district several thousands of dollars. We have an individual here that will be able to perform this without spending thousands of dollars. We will still need to get DOT inspections completed at the transfer station on Ramsey.

2. Operations:

a. January Notables: We had one incident in January which was a medical call.

b. February Firefighter Training: Our class training will be focused on First Aid, Traffic Control, and Radio Communications. At the end of the month training, we will go further into traffic control, radio communications, etc.

- c. **Extra Training:** Pizza and Practice-Pumps and Panels: The training will be hands-on and technical which helps to keep everyone fresh on skills that we don't use all of the time.
- d. **Development:** No Update
- e. **Volunteer:** We have our first out of district volunteer. He is an EMT and will be filling in here on select weekends and weekdays to help cover. He will be staying in Station #5 initially and then moving to Station #2 when the rooms are ready. Commissioner Ador and Moncrief agreed that it is the right move.

3. Facilities:

- a. **Station 2 Flagpole:** The new flagpole has arrived thanks to a generous donation from Dan and Nanci Currie. The installation should be done in March.
- b. **Station 2 Bunk Rooms:** We are moving forward on finishing out the bunk rooms and day room with windows and furniture. The goal is to be done by the end of March. We have three windows on order to install.
- c. **Station 5:** The move to Station #2 has been completed. The remaining furniture will be donated. The old office will be converted to a bunk room by early March.

B. EMS Report: Pegoraro

1. KCEMSS/County Agencies:

- a. The next KCEMSS BLS meeting is scheduled for February 17th although the schedule may have been pushed off to next month as of today. She will confirm that at a later date.
- b. The North Idaho Fire Chiefs and the Kootenai County Fire Chiefs groups met last month, and it was decided that the associations would merge into a single group under the North Idaho Fire Chiefs Association. The name may change to District 1 Chiefs, but that is still uncertain. Charlotte Pegoraro will remain in place as the Vice President, KCFR Chief Holley was elected as the new President. Other board members include KCEMSS Chief Wojnowski (Director at Large), Craig Eitherton from CDAFD (Secretary), and Mitchell Copstead from KCFR (Treasurer).
- c. Deputy Chief Pegoraro has joined the First Responder Clinician Support Team of North Idaho as a peer mentor. This new group is an extension of the local Critical Incident Stress Management team and was put together by Nicole Nestor-Gray. This will put us in a position to keep current on all the mental health opportunities available to our department and allow her to serve as a contact for other first responders that may need assistance.
- d. Deputy Chief Pegoraro will be attending, in her mentorship position, the Serving First Responder Conference on February 28th. This will be held from 9:00-14:00 at the KCFR Training Facility. Its purpose is to present available local resources to first responders and military personnel.

2. Operations:

- a. We have already begun scheduling for this summer's standby events with Gozzer Ranch, Ironman, and CDA Crossing.
- b. Deputy Chief Pegoraro will be out periodically over the next 2-3 months as she finishes her final Capstone Internship ambulance time with M31.

3. Training

- a. Chief Lynn, Dave Bruyette, and Charlotte Pegoraro attended the First Responder Mental Health & Wellness Conference in Coeur d'Alene on February 2nd and 3rd. She felt it was a very worthwhile conference and was able to take quite a bit from it.
- b. EMS training for this month was on February 9th and focused on annual training topics such as infection control and HIPAA compliance.
- c. Our EMS Connect training for this month will be held on February 25th and will cover Airway Management.

C. ESFD Auxiliary Report: Stone

1. Auxiliary President Deb Stone stated that the auxiliary has \$49,215.49 in the bank. In January, the Auxiliary purchased harnesses and ropes equipment for the firefighters.
2. The next Auxiliary Meeting will be on February 16th to wrap knives and forks for the Pancake Breakfast. They will also start asking people to volunteer for various jobs for the Pancake Breakfast. They will begin purchasing the dry goods within the next few months.
3. They moved items from the shed and kitchen at Station 2 and will be moving those items to the shelves in the attic.

D. ACTION ITEM: Approval of KCFR Lease Addendum/Extension

1. Fire Chief stated the last extension expired in 2023 and we were going month to month. We discussed this with them and were able to lock in five more years at the same rate. Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the KCFR Lease Addendum/Extension as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

D. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Health Benefits Policy in P302

1. Commissioner Ador commented that this is just an official approval of the health benefits discussion that was had at the previous month. Chief Lynn confirmed. Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the Health Benefits Policy in P302 as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

E. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Update to Volunteer Policy in P300

1. Chief Lynn stated that we added in a social media clause that states that if your profile says you're a ESFD volunteer, the volunteer must avoid inappropriate personal or group behavior. Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the update to the P300 Volunteer Policy as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

F. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Audit Engagement Letter for Alpine Summit CPAs

1. Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the Audit Engagement Letter for Alpine Summit CPAs for FY2025. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

IV. UPCOMING WORK AND CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Our regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 10:30am.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT *Per ESHD 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.*

- A. Commissioner Ador stated that he heard that ESHD Board of Commissioners have made a decision to deny the privatization of Gozzer Road.

VI. ACTION ITEM: CLOSE MEETING

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

Commissioner Ador closed the meeting at 1049 hours.