



**EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 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**

**Deputy Chief Charlotte Pegoraro**

**District Clerk Amber Loewe**

**Auxiliary President Deb Stone**

**Public: Carlene Cada, Jo Moncrief**

Commissioner Moncrief opened the Public Hearing for New Annexations at 1030 hours.

At the start of the Public Hearing, Commissioner Moncrief asked if there were any public comments on the new annexations. With no further public comments on annexations, Commissioner Moncrief closed the Public Hearing on New Annexations at 1031 hours.

Commissioner Moncrief opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the East Side Fire District Board of Commissioners at 1031 hours.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. APPROVAL ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Agenda:** Commissioner Ador moved to approve the March 11, 2026 agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

**B. Minutes:** Commissioner Ador moved to approve the minutes for February 11, 2026. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.

**C. Financials and Bills/Expense Reports:** Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the financial and expense reports as presented. Commissioner Ador seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

**III. BUSINESS**

**A. Fire Chiefs Report: Lynn**

- 1. Equipment:** After returning from a mutual aid incident in St. Maries, there was an accident with 1462 which involved two of our volunteers. Both firefighters are doing well and are being taken care of. Our insurance will be taking care of the cost of the vehicle. We did a buy-back from the insurance on the apparatus for \$1,000 and will be using the tires since they are practically brand new. We will be getting back \$145,000.00 for the vehicle from insurance. Commissioner Nelson asked if we will need to replace it.

Chief Lynn stated that at this time, we will be moving 1463 up to Station 2 and will be relying on St. Maries if we need additional water supply support. Moving forward, we will replace 1462 in the future with a four-wheel drive apparatus.

**2. Operations:**

- a. **February Notables:** We had eight calls, four fire calls and four medical calls. We transported three times in February with four for 2026 at this time.
- b. **March Training:** We are remaining high on training attendance for both Fire and EMS. We have Skills and Drills training tonight for FIRE but it may need to be pushed off due to a high wind event happening tonight.
- c. **Development:** Impact Fees: \$170,644. The Lake Club Estates project at the end of Echo Bay is gearing up. We received the site disturbance permit last week. This is a 25-lot major sub-division. We have also received inquiries on the potential of two 4-lot minor subdivisions on Arrow Road.
- d. **Fundamentals:** We will wrap up the Fundamentals class at the end of March. We will graduate five out of that class.

**3. Facilities:**

- a. **Station 2:** The new flagpole has arrived. The installation should be completed in March. The bunk rooms and day room should be completed by the end of March. Gozzer has purchased the bunkroom beds as a donation and the Auxiliary purchased the furniture in the bunkrooms.
- b. **Station 5:** A fresh coat of paint was applied to the bunk room and the kitchen/lounge area. We are waiting for donated furniture for the lounge to be completed. Commissioner Ador asked how soon we will be able to have a resident here. Chief Lynn stated that we will be ready to house residents by the end of March. We will need to install smoke alarms in the rooms, which is one of the action items below with RLH.

**B. EMS Report: Pegoraro**

**1. KCEMSS/County Agencies:**

- a. The next KCEMSS BLS meeting is scheduled for April 21st.
- b. KCEMSS has hired Dean Douglas as a QA/QI coordinator. He will be working to establish a QA/QI program for the county and assist individual departments in setting up internal programs. Deputy Chief Pegoraro will be working with EMS Deputy Botai on implementing this within our department.
- c. HCAA has new leadership in a shared Chief position with Dixon Brown and Josh Lowery after Jim Westbury retired. Deputy Chief Pegoraro has been communicating more with HCAA and teaching a few classes to their new EMT students. It is her hope to strengthen our partnership with them to allow us to train together more often and utilize each other's volunteers as backup coverage.

- d. Colby Ivy has been promoted to EMS Chief for CDA Fire. (Former EMS Officer Steve Jones has decided to return to a Captain position.) Chief Ivy and Chief Grief will be coming out to meet with Lynn and Pegoraro on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Operations:**

- a. We have been a bit shorthanded on EMS responders the past few weeks with travel, illness, and injuries. Jerry, Amber, and Charlotte have had to increase their availability to ensure proper coverage.

**3. Training**

- a. Deputy Chief Pegoraro attended the First Responder Clinician Support Team Conference at KCFR on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There were some good resources presented.
- b. EMS training for this month was on March 9<sup>th</sup> and focused on ropes training and patient assessment.
- c. Our EMS Connect training for this month will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> and will cover Mental Health in EMS.

**C. ESFD Auxiliary Report: Stone**

1. Auxiliary President Deb Stone commented that the Auxiliary donated \$5,093 for furniture for the new bunkrooms.
2. At the last meeting, they started to assign jobs for the Pancake Breakfast and will be getting a list for the Chief of jobs that will need to be filled by the firefighters and EMTs.
3. The Auxiliary bank balance is currently \$49,447.44.

**D. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Kootenai County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

1. Commissioner Ador stated that he read through the plan and he does not see any reason to reject it. All agreed. Commissioner Ador moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Kootenai County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**B. ACTION ITEM: Approval of New Annexations into East Side Fire District**

1. Commissioner Ador moved to approve the new Annexations. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**C. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Showcase Art & Framing Quote not to exceed \$2,000.00**

1. Commissioner Ador asked if we could explain the showcase art quote. District Clerk Loewe commented it is a way to display our volunteer photos, which is similar to our volunteer photos at the old station, but will be a much easier and more professional look for the new building. Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the Showcase Art & Framing Quote not to exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**D. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Recovery Masters Towing Invoice for 1462**

1. Commissioner Moncrief stated that they needed to bring in a large crane to the crash site as well as another tow truck to remove the apparatus, with a lot of people and trucks involved. There was comment on the high cost of the towing invoice. Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Recovery Masters Towing Invoice for 1462. Commissioner Ador seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**E. ACTION ITEM: Approval of First Due Invoice NTE \$2,300.00**

1. Commissioner Moncrief asked to explain what First Due is. District Clerk Loewe explained that the previous reporting system that we used to input our incidents has recently moved from NFIRS reporting system to NERIS reporting system. This transition will move ESD from a system that was no longer compatible. The First Due system, while more expensive than the last, will allow us to do more than the previous system as well, which will help us to streamline other operations. Commissioner Ador moved to approve the First Due invoice not to exceed \$2,300.00. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**F. ACTION ITEM: Approval of RLH Invoice**

1. Commissioner Ador moved to approve the RLH Invoice for the smoke detectors. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. All in favor.

**IV. UPCOMING WORK AND CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. The next ESD Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Per ESD 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. Jo Moncrief asked if our insurance would cover the damage done to the owners of the shed that was involved in the 1462 accident. Chief Lynn said that it would but that the owners do not want to file a claim.
- B. Nanci Currie asked if the county would need to come back to inspect before the residents move into the building. Chief Lynn commented that they do not.

**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 1100 hours.