



MINUTES

FLORISSANT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

6:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting

2606 US Highway 24, Florissant, CO 80816

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1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by: Jim McGovern @ 6:00pm. 19 people in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance - Completed
- Roll Call of Board Members – All members present
Jim McGovern, Paul del Toro, LeAnne Spicer, Debbie Blanc, Mark Harter

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval of minutes for meeting 10/15/2025. Motion by Jim McGovern, Second by Paul del Toro, Board vote approved 5-0.
- Approval of minutes for Special meeting on 10/21/2025. Motion by Paul del Toro, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board vote approved 5-0.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business

- DEO 2025 Fall Post-Election Report – Ballot 6A
Vicky Collings was the appointed DEO for the Ballot 6A initiative and provided a summary of the process and results. The 6A ballot initiative was a coordinated election; all election rules, policies and regulations were accomplished in a coordinated effort between the Board of Directors, the DEO and the Teller County Clerk and Recorder. Teller County mailed out 4,372 ballots for Ballot 6A. On October 29 an anomaly occurred in which the second property owners on deeds were not identified and therefore did not receive a property ballot in the original property ballot mailing. Upon immediate further review, on October 30 the DEO determined that 297 non-resident property owners did not receive property ballots. The DEO identified the issue, informed the Teller County Clerk and Recorder, contacted the affected non-residents, and posted notifications on the FFPD website and FFPD Facebook page. Non-residents were still offered the opportunity to vote in person. The total 6A ballots cast and returned was 1,789 ballots. Ballot 6A did not pass, with the vote results being: YES = 763, NO = 995. The FFPD portion of the Teller County election fees is \$5,280, with total cost of ballot for FFPD approximately \$8,400 (this cost is significantly less than the FFPD had

budgeted, which was \$15,000). The Board appreciates all the hard work by DEO Vicky Collings in the administration and execution of this ballot initiative.

- Conversation on failed mill levy and plans going forward

Chief Buchan addressed the impact of the November election Ballot 6A not passing. Without the Ballot 6A approval of a 4 point Mill Levy increase to implement the 10-4-30 plan, FFPD can't afford the major capital improvements needed to meet growing FFPD demands for the next 30 years. FFPD will shift focus to maintaining vs capital improvements. In response, to acquire needed revenue for continued operations, FFPD will now leverage wildfire deployments with existing volunteers and equipment to supplement the FFPD budget for repaired equipment. The FFPD Board is analyzing the Ballot 6A results and considering options to pursue another ballot initiative in the 2026 election period.

- Public Hearing to review, finalize, and approve 2026 budget

This discussion builds on Board 2026 budget discussion during the Oct 15, 2025 Board meeting. Since then, the draft FFPD 2026 budget was posted for public review and comment on the FFPD website on Oct 30, 2025. 2026 budget items addressed at the 11/19/2025 Board meeting reflect the loss of Ballot 6A revenue and includes Grants, Firefighter Deployment Reimbursements (salary, travel, equipment), Fire Chief salary & benefits, IT support, Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance, Major Equipment – Vehicles.

Overall 2026 Budget Summary: planned Revenue \$1,693,541; 2026; planned Expenses \$1,693,537; Total Operational Expenses \$890,637; Contingency Budget \$29,780; Year End 2026 Bank Reserves \$536,371.

Motion to approve 2026 budget by Jim McGovern, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board vote 5-0.

Approve Resolution #16 to adopt the 2026 budget.

Resolution #16 provides the 2026 Budget details; President Jim McGovern read Resolution #16 into the record. Treasurer LeAnne Spicer provided the 2026 Budget Message, and read it into the record.

Motion by Jim McGovern to approve Resolution #16 for adoption of the 2026 budget, Second by LeAnne Spicer, Board vote 5-0.

- Appropriate funds for budget year 2026.

President Jim McGovern read the 2026 Mill Levy levels and Appropriate Sums of Money. Treasurer LeAnne Spicer noted that the final assessed valuation for the District may change from the Teller County Assessor (December 2025). Any change in the resulting tax revenue will be offset by an equivalent adjustment to the FFPD 2026 Contingency Budget in order to comply with applicable and other budgetary limits. Motion to approve the 2026 Mill Levy levels and Appropriate Sums of Money by Jim McGovern, Second by Paul del Toro, Board Vote 5-0.

- Review/Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Southern Colorado (SOCO) Interagency Wildland Fire Team, and SOCO Teller County Annex (Team Charter). This is a proposed partnership to strengthen Southern Colorado wildland fire fighting. Statements were made in person by Chief Biddell (Stratmoor Hills FPD) and Superintendent Shane

Coyne (Hanover FD) with strong endorsement for FFPD partnership with SOCO. Chief Buchan explained the agreement is completely based on FFPD availability and will not put at risk any emergency response activities within the Florissant Fire District. FFPD is not obligated to respond to SOCO emergencies, but will support SOCO as available with FFPD equipment and personnel. This is in alignment with the other mutual aid agreements as it further protects the community, builds FFPD volunteers with experience, and demonstrates SOCO as a force multiplier.

Motion to approve the SOCO ICA made by Jim McGovern, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve the SOCO Teller County Annex (Team Charter) by Jim McGovern, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board vote 5-0.

- Discuss and vote on end of the year purchases for fire equipment.

Chief Buchan summarized the need for 2025 end-of-year equipment expenditures totaling \$35,561. It is to FFPD's benefit to purchase this equipment now as prices and rates are lower in 2025 compared to 2026, and FFPD has existing available 2025 budget to acquire them now. Motion to approve the FFPD requested end-of-year expenditures for \$35,561 by Jim McGovern, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board vote 5-0.

- Discuss and vote on surplus apparatus (Support 51)

The Support 51 vehicle is not currently serving FFPD response needs, it is not an essential apparatus, and is recommended for surplus removal via for closed bid. The Board discussed this and concurred with Chief Buchan's recommendation for a minimum bid of \$2,000. Motion for Support 51 to be placed for open public minimum bid of \$2,000 by Jim McGovern, Second by Debbie Blanc, Board vote 5-0.

- Open bids for Ram Truck

The FFPD Ram Truck is a surplus item and has been on display in front of the FFPD Station 51 with open public bid for a month. FFPD received 5 sealed bids and opened them during the Board meeting on 11/19/2025. The highest bid was Dan Riner for \$5,550. Motion by Jim McGovern to sell the Ram Truck to Mr. Riner for \$5,550, Second by Paul del Toro, Board Vote 5-0.

6. Board Reports

- Secretary's Report: total of 5 CORA requests completed (3 Moore's, 2 Sutton's).
- Treasurer's Report: FFPD expenditures within budget; FFPD will end CY2025 above expected reserve balance.
- Chief's Report: October 2025
40 calls; 334 Volunteer hours; SOCO training had 2 FFPD certifications; Fall Open House; Thunderbird fire incident; several vehicle accidents; all FFPD deployed fire fighters have returned; cost recovery for responses and deployments in progress. Utility 51 is completed with snowplow. FFPD response had average 6.9 responders per incident.
Fire Corps: supporting community Food, Toy, Clothing drives, Woodland Park Parade

- Committee Reports
 - Policy & Procedures: busy month, completed 3 FFPD policies (CORA, LOGO, Letters of Support for External Organizations & Mutual Aid Partners); 3 other policies are being drafted and in progress (ByLaws, Rehire, Staff Vehicle).
 - Budget: very busy with 2026 budget and closing out 2025 budget – on track.
 - Technology: addressing FFPD IT needs and solutions for reliable and secure operations
 - Water Resources: Florissant Water & Sanitation District (FWSD) main water storage Tank repairs are done, sealing tank now, filling it with water. New Crystal Peak fire hydrant to be installed in mid-Feb. FWSD suggests partnering with FFPD on state grants for the 7 new fire hydrants in 2026 (approximately \$50K).

7. Adjournment

- Time of adjournment at 9:20pm. Motion to adjourn by Mark Harter, Second by Paul del Toro, Board vote 5-0.