



DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6181 COUNTY ROAD 28 - COTOPAXI, CO 81223
August 27, 2026 at 2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Miriam Andolini

PRAYER: Laurie McKay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Miriam Andolini

ROLL CALL: Anita Gregg, Recording Secretary

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Miriam Andolini, Laurie McKay, Nancy Mickelson and Forrest Nichols

DIRECTOR ABSENT: JR Niblett.

A quorum of the Board was noted.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Miriam Andolini

This item will remain on the agenda in accordance with the DMFPD Bylaws. However, to maintain compliance with the 24-hour public notice requirements of CRS§24-6-402, no substantive items will be added to the agenda under "Changes to the Agenda" after the required public notice has been posted.

PUBLIC INPUT SIGN UP: M. Andolini directed community members in attendance to sign up if they would like to comment. - None

AGENDA: Miriam Andolini and Nancy Mickelson

1. **Resignation**

On August 19 during Executive Session, Vice Chairman JR Niblett offered his resignation from the Board of Directors.

2. **Ballot Measure for the November Election - supporting documentation**

Noted that 10% of the District's population is Spanish speaking. All election/ballot information will be translated into Spanish. The current website tool, DocAccess, provides accurate translation services. The FC County Assessor has provided updated numbers. Resolution 20260827-07 was read into the record in its entirety.

Motion by M. Andolini to approve the resolution language and final ballot language to be submitted to Fremont County by the due date, September 23 2026. Second by F. Nichols. Discussion: Nothing further. Unanimous; motion carried. Note that the Vice-Chairman position is vacant. The vote was certified.

3. **Ballot Measure Information Committee**

The scope, functions, responsibilities, and limitations of the Ballot Measure Information Committee were reviewed. The committee would meet with the Board to review the anticipated revenues and expenses for the purpose of public information for both a YES vote and NO vote. Responsibilities: Compile FAQs for the website and DMFPD Facebook page; monitor social media posts for misinformation so that with accurate information is provided by official communications; provide voter registration information; coordinate Open House events (snacks, handouts, station/truck inspection, Board member and FD staff availability, and guest involvement such as REACH or Search & Rescue). The three, sociable Open House dates are September 26, October 17 and October 24. One Open House will meet at the Cotopaxi School when available in October.

4. **Annexation Project**

The approved letter has been sent to Fremont County. Communication with Commissioner McFall's response was encouraging. DMFPD may have to cover the cost of GIS mapping. Working with the county surveyor is the first step with the boundary description. Specific requirements and costs associated with the notice and publications will be defined. The District will await the response from Fremont County anticipated by the September Board meeting. The mapping work will move forward.

5. **Executive Session**

Motion by M. Andolini to convene in executive session pursuant to CRS§24-6-402(4)(c) for discussion of matters required to be kept confidential by state law, specifically attorney-client privileged communications pursuant to CRS§13-90-107(1)(b) concerning pending litigation involving the District. Second by L. McKay. Discussion: None. Unanimous; motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:48 PM.

6. **Action following Executive Session**

Board came back into session of the Special Meeting at 3:08 PM.

Motion by M. Andolini to engage an employment lawyer recommended by our District counsel with a limit of \$5,000 pending official recommendations of the engagement of the employment lawyer. Second by L. McKay. Discussion: None. Unanimous; motion carried.

VOTE TO ADJOURN: Miriam Andolini

- **Motion** by M. Andolini to adjourn the special meeting. Second by N. Mickelson. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Gregg

Supporting Documentation:
- Resolution 20270827-07