



DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6181 COUNTY RD 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223
August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Miriam Andolini

PRAYER: Laurie McKay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Miriam Andolini

ROLL CALL: Anita Gregg

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Miriam Andolini

This item will remain on the agenda as per the DMFPD bylaws, however per CRS §24-6-402, this item "Changes to the Agenda" will no longer be included because of adherence to the 24-hour notice requirement for Open Meeting laws.

MINUTES APPROVAL: July 15, 2026 Minutes

PUBLIC INPUT: *Three minutes/no disrupting pursuant to CRS §18-9-108 & DMFPD By-Laws. If the issue is not on the agenda, it may be placed on the next meeting agenda.*

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT REPORT: Presented by Andrew Wolf, Auditor w/ Garron, Ross & DeNardo

- 2025 Financial Audit Presentation

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Mickelson

- Treasurer's Report – July 2026
- Bill's Paid Report – July 2026
- 2026 Budget Amendment Update – Nancy Mickelson

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Laurie McKay

- No report. All items are under unfinished or new business

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Miriam Andolini

- AFG application update
- Committees update – difference between ad hoc (specific topic) and standing committees
- Ballot Measure List update – update on the process for verifying our own list
- Ballot language and TABOR notices update

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: JR Niblett

- Water tanks – Residents can provide their own water tanks
- Mill levy and District spending community feedback

COMMUNICATION/CONSTRUCTION REPORT: Forrest Nichols

- No report. All items are under unfinished business

STATION REPORTS: Chief Widener

- Fire/EMS/Training/Runs
- Personnel: Hiring, Volunteers, and Training
- Wildland Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: All Board Members

- Station 1 Updates – JR Niblett and Laurie McKay
 - Building A – office construction discussion
 - Driveway update – drainage pipe discussion
 - Housekeeping for the community room discussion
- Auxiliary Compliance – The auxiliary group must be lawfully established as a nonprofit entity
- District Signs – Forrest Nichols and Laurie McKay
 - Discussion and vote for final sign design and production cost
- Annexation Project for Inclusions – Nancy Mickelson
 - Discussion and Vote to Proceed and Approve Attorney and Board Correspondence to the County

NEW BUSINESS AND SPECIAL ORDERS: All Board Members

- 2025 Audit discussion and vote for approval – Nancy Mickelson
- Vote to renew current carrier and policy for auto, commercial and director liability coverages with VFIS – Nancy Mickelson
- Vote to name Matt Brown as Station Representative, per DMFPD bylaws – Nancy Mickelson
- 2026 Ballot Measure Actionable Items – Miriam Andolini
 - Ballot language and TABOR notices – Vote for a Special Meeting after August 25, 2026
 - Mill Levy Committee – Discussion and vote on what type of committee to we would like to form for helping with the mill levy including what we would like them to work on
 - Financial and service outlook for 2027 – Discussion on the process and Board members to work on this with Chief Widener
- Annual Review for Chief Widener – Miriam Andolini
 - Discussion and vote to conduct the review at the Regular Board Meeting in September 2026
- SDA Conference – Miriam Andolini
 - Discussion and possible vote for attendance in September
- Station 1 Updates – JR Niblett
 - Building A – Office construction needs engineering for fans and will need bids for the fan systems
 - Discussion and vote to move forward to on bidding
- Wildland – Laurie McKay
 - Looking at Starlink and other needs for the wildland truck(s)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Miriam Andolini

Motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(F), CRS for discussion of department personnel matters.

- *Compensation review for Chief Widener for his annual review as per his employment contract to be conducted at the Regular Board Meeting in September 2026*
- *Discussion for a personnel matter involving Jerry St. John*

NEW BUSINESS AND SPECIAL ORDERS: All Board Members

- Vote to approve the annual increase amount for Chief Widener
- Vote to approve any action needed for the personnel matter

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Miriam Andolini

- Monthly Board Meeting on September 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

VOTE TO ADJOURN: Miriam Andolini

**Please note — any discussion items may result in an action item/vote.*