

**Upper Pine River Fire Protection District
Board Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2026
3:00 P.M.**

The meeting for June 24, 2026, was called to order at 3:15pm by Paul Black.

Board Members Attendance – Paul Black (President, present), Lisa Bourque (Vice President, present), Jesse Larson (member, absent-excused), Lew Web (member, present), Gary Karner (member, via Zoom)

Staff Present – Chief Evans (present), Deputy Chief French (present), Kim Ruggles (Secretary, present)

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – old Business C. Amend to purchase approval amount for new truck for skid units

Public Comment – none

Special Presentation

NV5 update – Construction is ongoing, started on May 4th, footings poured, utilities ongoing, site plan details with LPEA next Tuesday. Construction is on schedule. Next on the schedule is to complete the foundation footing/walls. Will be vertical by Labor Day. Pay application #3 submitted, pay application #4 will be submitted for approval on June 30/July 1. 4% of construction is complete. Material testing is going well with Trautner.

Chief French retirement announcement – last day July 6th.

Approval of Minutes

- A. May 21st Regular Meeting – Lew made a motion to approve the May 21st regular meeting. Lisa seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Finance Report

- A. May 2026 Financials – table to July meeting. Reviewed preliminary May 2026 financials.

New Business

- A. Shaw Solar Proposal for new Station 1 – 2 options – lease agreement or purchase. Paul made a motion to approve the purchase agreement and to tie into the construction loan for solar panels on the new Station 1 with Shaw Solar. Lew Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Station 1 Update – Overall project is 2 weeks a head of schedule. LPEA was 5 weeks out but were able to move that up and came the next day.
- B. Discussion of the new NRCS Contract regarding the two properties that were demolished during the 2025 Vallecito Flood. Clinton with NRCS has the agreement written and waiting for signatures. NRCS agreement will pay 75%,

State of CO may pay 12.5% District would pay 12.5%. Two properties would be \$850,000. Lew made a motion to extend an offer to both property owners for the District to purchase both properties with the NRCS agreement. Lisa seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. Amendment to the purchase approval amount for new truck for skid units- Lew made a motion to amend the approval that was made at the March board meeting for the purchase of a truck for the Wildland Division to increase the approval amount from \$40,000 to \$60,000 and move the new truck to the Fleet Division. Lisa seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chiefs' reports

Chief French presented his report to the Board.

Chief Evans presented his report to the Board.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Submitted by

Kim Ruggles



Paul Black, President

7/16/26
Date

Attest:

SS//Kim Ruggles
Kim Ruggles, Admin