

Telluride Fire Protection District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting ~ July 21st, 2026

MEMBERS: Kimball Sr, Broady, Quick, Schuler, Lucarelli **Staff:** Bennett, Dasaro, Baird, Van Damme, Gardner(zoom), de Alva

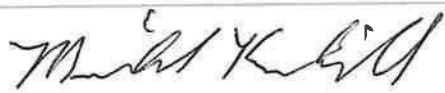
GUESTS: Bo Nerlin

TOPICS	DISCUSSION	MOTION/ SECOND	ACTION ITEMS	DUE DATE	STATUS Open/Closed
CALL TO ORDER	5:30 by Kimball				
ROLL CALL	5:30PM				
MINUTES	Approved unanimous for June regular meeting.	M: Broady S: Quick			
APPEALS	None				
PUBLIC COMMENT					
Old Business	Station 3 update: Chief Bennett and the team is working with San Miguel County to get the land zoned for public use rather than commercial. They will work on a variance request to get the PUD changed for the land use code. The DFPC training trailer will be on site from July 27 -30 for staff and volunteer live fire training. There will be a public awareness event held on Wednesday, July 29 th with food and family activities. The event will serve to educate the community on how beneficial a training facility would be in supporting firefighters to achieve and maintain certifications and have live fire training experience.				
New Business	Wildfire Assignments: Engines 2137, 2142 and chase vehicle 2136 with UTV 2171 and crews have been working from the USFS interagency location in Montrose. They have been managing fires started by lightning strikes and patrolling the west end of Montrose and Delta counties. Chief Cheroske is also located there and managing crews and providing assignments. Summer weather status and predictions: The Board elected to forgo this agenda item. Inclusion Planning: Bo Nerlin presented on the Petitions for the Inclusion of Property. Several HOA communities located on the west end of the district are not officially incorporated into the district protection area. This will include an additional 130 square miles and the communities within to be incorporated within the Telluride Fire Protection District. Mr. Nerlin presented the what is involved in this process and what is required from the board. A motion was made regarding the Notice of Public Hearing, passed unanimous. The board will continue this process in the August meeting. All documents and information will be posted on the TFPD website.	M: Quick S: Lucarelli			

	Vehicle Purchase: The Chase vehicle, 2136, a Ford F250 is not sufficient to carry the fully loaded Wildland UTV, 2171. Chief Bennett proposed purchasing a new vehicle with a large pay load and better towing capability, and that can handle the rugged terrain where wildfires occur. The Chief requested \$75,000 for the new vehicle. Command 2109, an older Ford F250 will be sold to make room for the new truck. A motion was made to purchase the new truck. Passed unanimously. PANO. AI usage report: Chief Bennett provided the board with a usage report for PANO.AI. DFPC and other agencies have been utilizing the cameras locally and around the state to view new and existing wildfire activity. Such proving how viable the system is for so many agencies to help control wildfires around the state. Other items from the floor: None	M: Lucarelli S: Schuler			
REPORTS	Deputy Chief: Not present Battalion Chief Training: Nothing to add EMC Coordinator: Nothing to add Fire Marshal: Not present HR Coordinator: Nothing to add District Chief: Chief Bennett was grateful to Chief Gardner and all the hard work she has put in to provide public awareness of the Station 3 remodel and new Training facility. He also recognized the Wildland staff for all their hard work. He thanked Stacy Ostromecki for coordinating a drive to have local kids make "thank you" cards for all the wildfire crews who are deployed. They were delivered on Monday and the crews were very grateful. Board Members: Chief Broady mentioned the loss of Helicopter Pilot Nicholas Dale. Committee Updates: Nothing to add				
APPROVAL of BILLS	Bills reviewed and approved unanimously	M: Lucarelli S: Schuler			
EXECUTIVE SESSION					
ADJOURNMENT	6:24 pm	M: Lucarelli S: Quick			

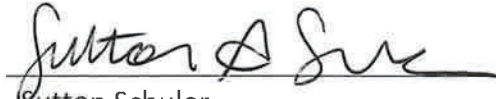
NEXT MEETING –August 18th, 2026 5:30 PM @ Station 1

Approved:



Michael Kimball

President



Sutton Schuler

Vice President

Jim Lucarelli

Sec/Treas.



Mark Quick

Member



Chris Broady

Member