

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

KREMMLING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Board Members Present: Don Eggers, Alan Hassler, Jim Carland, Jim White and Sharon Cesar.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Tony Tucker, and Asst. Chief Brady Mathis

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Don Eggers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were presented.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 10 2025, WAS MADE BY CARLAND SECONDED BY CESAR. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The monthly bills were presented.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,038.07 WAS MADE BYWHITE. SECONDED BY HASSLER. MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Administration:

Runs year to date: 89

Runs this month: 12

To Date: 6 WL calls - 6 Smoke Reports - 5 Extrications - 2 Structures

Operations:

- **SVI Purchased 419**
 - Engine 419 has been sold to SVI for \$265,000, as previously discussed.
 - This unit will be replaced with a Type-3 engine.

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Replacement Options Under Consideration

- **Pierce (Demo)**
 - Availability: December 2025
 - Estimated Cost: ~\$625,000
 - Freightliner chassis
 - Only demo currently available in the near term.
- **BME**
 - Status: No current units in the queue
 - Waiting on response from Wayne regarding next available build and pricing
 - We looked at this model previously and liked it.
- **Ikon**
 - Demo Unit
 - To be completed later this year
 - Current spec cost: \$529,298
 - Built on International chassis
 - Custom Build Option
 - Estimated lead time: 600 days
 - Estimated cost: ~\$650,000
 - 500 GPM pump, 500-gallon tank
 - Would serve as our back-up Type-1
 - We would want to add a turret

Old Business:

- Highway Products Box for 417
 - The box for 417 has been ordered through Highway Products.
- Billing Update
 - Money is coming in. We have collected nearly \$6,000.00 to date.

Upstairs Work

- Renovation work upstairs has begun.
- Most of it is furred out and insulated, windows have been framed.
- Progress is moving forward well.
- 2026 Vaccination Budget
 - Planning for 2026 vaccinations is underway.
 - County Health is expected to be the most cost-effective option.

New Business:

- 2026 Budget kickoff at 15:00 on the 21st

Assistant Chief Report:

Follow-up Items

- Immunizations and Physicals
 - Mercantile is not licensed; MPM's cost is double that of Public Health.

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- Email Retention Policy
 - SDA guidance recommends following the policy based on the specific type of record:
 - “General Administration” records are kept for 1 year
 - “Housekeeping” records are kept as needed
 - Automated deletion may be challenging because everyone uses different email clients and checks their emails in different ways. Once an email is pulled off the mail server, there is no control over it.
 - A question was posed about whether we need to update our policy to state that emails shall be retained for one year. It could be challenging to apply a blanket retention period for all emails. If you have a defined policy, you must abide by it strictly. The policy could potentially be amended to state that all email is considered general administration and therefore not retained.

Ops/Training

- We plan to use the DFPC Community Risk Reduction (CRR) education trailer provided by the state this year for fire prevention outreach at the Kremmling schools. This interactive semi-trailer is a new tool designed for community risk reduction, and we are exploring how best to incorporate it into our prevention training.

New Business

- NFIRS will be phased out over the next 18 months and replaced by NERIS. Colorado will begin the transition in November, with full implementation starting in 2026. All runs will be entered through NERIS at that time. The software we purchased is already compatible, and no issues are anticipated — the RMS is ready.
- The Treasure Hunt has three badges hidden throughout town for the public to find. We ran this program a few years ago, and it was well received. It appears to remain a well-liked and engaging outreach activity.

Recruiter Report:

- OUTREACH:
 - Open House is this weekend on Saturday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - “Stop the Bleed” was held two Saturdays ago and received positive feedback from the public
 - Participated in the Library Summer Reading Program
 - Pregnancy Resource Connection Touch-a-Truck on August 30, 2025 – details to follow
 - Planning for Fire Prevention Week (first week of October); working to secure the Community Risk Reduction Trailer
 - Scheduled Senior Lunch and Learn for Wednesday, September 10, 2025
- RECRUITING:
 - We have one new application from an individual interested in joining as a volunteer
 - Planning additional social media posts to boost visibility and engagement
- RETENTION:
 - Added a Live Fire Training to the department calendar to support ongoing engagement and skill development

End of Report

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DISTRICT COVERAGE

- It was a busy month across the district. Most of our responders attended the State Patrol briefing regarding the recent accidents. They brought in extensive resources and truly pulled out all the stops to support those who responded.
- All KFPD personnel involved in the incidents were present for the debriefing. Following a critical incident like this, it is imperative that we prioritize the well-being and support of our responders.
- The three full-time staff members are continuing to rotate weekend coverage to ensure consistent district response.

APPOINT BUDGET OFFICER FOR 2026 BUDGET

A MOTION TO APPOINT JIM CARLAND AS THE 2026 BUDGET OFFICER WAS MADE BY CESAR. SECONDED BY HASSLER. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

- We need to stay on top of Jen from the Town of Kremmling regarding the IGA and the fire department water agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code
 - Two years ago, the State Legislature determined that a code-based approach was needed for wildfire prevention. As a result, the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code went into effect on July 1, 2025, with substantial enforcement beginning July 1, 2026.
 - The code includes requirements such as the use of fire-resistant materials in new construction and/or maintaining a 50-foot defensible space around structures.
 - At this time, it is unclear whether enforcement responsibility will fall to local agencies like ours. Hassler is attending the state's monthly peer group meetings and is going to the SDA conference next month to gain a better understanding of how these requirements will be implemented and what will be expected of us.
- Fire Code Adoption
 - The reason behind adopting the fire code was to be able to incentivize organizations with faulty fire protection systems to correct problems by the use of fees. We are relying on the county and state to inspect new construction and make sure the building is compliant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert James Carland, Secretary
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