

SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES

DRAFTED FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND OR CORRECTION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. July 14, 2026
Silverton Fire District Station #8 (Scotts Mills)

I. ROLL CALL:

Les Von Flue, President
Stacy Palmer, Vice President
Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer

Dixon Bledsoe, Director
Phil Sowa, Director

II. ABSENT:

Robert Mengucci, Secretary – Treasurer

III. IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Miles, Office Administrator (OA) Cantu, BC Terhaar, LT Dan Brown, FF Miller, FF Guenther

IV. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Von Flue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

President Von Flue opened nominations for Board President. Vice President Palmer nominated Les Von Flue for Board President. Director Bledsoe seconded the nomination. Having no other nominations for President, nominations were closed and Les Von Flue was re-elected Board President by unanimous vote.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

President Von Flue opened nominations for Board Vice President. Director Bledsoe nominated Stacy Palmer for Vice President. Director Sowa seconded the nomination. Having no other nominations for Vice President, nominations were closed. Stacy Palmer was elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

President Von Flue opened nominations for Board Secretary-Treasurer. Vice President Palmer nominated Rob Mengucci for Secretary-Treasurer. Director Bledsoe seconded the motion. Having no other nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, nominations were closed. Rob Mengucci was elected Board Secretary-Treasurer by unanimous vote. Because Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci was not present for the election, he may vacate this position upon his notification of election.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

The following slate of officers elected to serve for the fiscal year 2026-2027:

Les Von Flue, President

Stacy Palmer, Vice-President

Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board Meeting. Director Sowa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

VIII. OPEN FORUM:

a) Vice President Palmer told the group that June 10th was National Pet Fire Safety Day.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

a) SDAO Best Practice Requirement

OA Cantu gave a brief update on the SDAO Best Practice Requirement. All but one board member has completed the requirement and the last member has something scheduled to get this accomplished.

X. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

a) Check Summary

b) Departmental Expense Report

c) Bank Account Balance Comparison

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the finance officer's report as presented. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

XI. CHIEF'S REPORT

a) Monthly Report

Chief Miles gave the board a brief overview of the monthly report, including fire inspections, and updating the phone system for Station 1. Additionally, Chief Miles provided a brief update on the budget and how funds looked at the end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The annual audit is coming up, as well as a SAIF audit.

Director Bledsoe asked if Chief Miles had any concerns at this time. Chief Miles stated he had no concerns at this time, but was aware the budget is lean and will require diligence.

The board discussed the upcoming measure for the Silver Falls School District regarding the middle school consolidation.

Vice President Palmer asked if there were any individuals out on conflagration. Chief Miles said both Lt. Heuchert and Lt. Smith were deployed currently. Lt. Heuchert was deployed through OSFM. Marion County has two task forces available for deployment, and Silverton

has a tender and a type 6 brush truck available to mobilize.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Director Stipend Waiver

Director Von Flue explained the Director Stipend Waiver. Board members who wish to waive the stipend provided by the District for meeting attendance may do so by completing a stipend waiver form. Office Administrator Cantu noted that she is still awaiting guidance from the District's auditor regarding the requirements and procedures for directors who wish to donate their stipend to a nonprofit organization.

XIII. ITEMS PENDING:

No discussion of pending items at this meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2026.



President

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kaylee Spencer