

SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES

DRAFTED FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND OR CORRECTION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. June 9, 2026
Silverton Fire District Station #1 (Silverton)

I. ROLL CALL:

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

Dixon Bledsoe, Director
Phil Sowa, Director

ABSENT:

All Present

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Miles, Office Administrator (OA) Cantu, AC Veit, BC Pilmore, BC Terhaar, CPT Klopfenstein, LT D. Brown, LT J. Brown, LT Heuchert, LT Klopfenstein, LT Terhaar FF Breitbach, FF Grimstead, FF Guenther, FF Marinos, FF Miller, FF T. Nightingale, FF W. Nightingale, FF Nuttbrock, FF Selfridge, FF Savage, FF Tallent, FF Varney, SS Hansen, SS Schmidt

II. 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.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2026-2027 BUDGET

a) Open Public Hearing

The public hearing regarding fiscal year 2026-2027 budget was opened at 7:01pm.

b) Public Comment

No comments were given regarding the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

c) Close Public Hearing

The public hearing regarding the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 was closed at 7:02pm.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 board meeting. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

VI. OPEN FORUM:

- a) Chief Miles introduced Firefighter Matt Guenther who was recently hired to fill the vacant firefighter-EMT position.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

a) SDAO Best Practice Checklist

President Von Flue reminded board members that the SDAO Best Practice classes need to be completed. Chief Miles was able to provide some clarification on what was needed, as well as providing some information about online courses available to board members.

VIII. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- a) Check Summary
- b) Departmental Expense Report
- c) Bank Account Balance Comparison

Vice President Palmer made a motion to approve the finance officer's report as presented. Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

IX. CHIEF'S REPORT

a) Monthly Report

Chief Miles provided a brief update on the monthly report, highlighting the proposed Enterprise Zone. He attended a city-hosted informational session, where he learned the proposal would reinstate the previous Enterprise Zone that expired in 2023. If approved, qualifying businesses within the designated area would receive a five-year property tax freeze, serving as an incentive for new businesses to locate in the community. A map of the proposed Enterprise Zone is included in the board packet.

Director Sowa asked how the Enterprise Zone would affect the Fire District. Chief Miles explained that, as a taxing district, the Fire District could experience some temporary revenue loss due to the tax freeze, though historically the impact has been minimal. Vice President Palmer added that businesses must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify for the tax freeze.

Chief Miles reported that, as the City sunsets its urban renewal program, the Fire District will begin receiving an increasing share of its allocated property tax revenue. The Urban Renewal Agency levied only approximately half of the available tax increment for the current fiscal year, resulting in an estimated \$30,000–\$40,000 being returned to the Fire District with the November 2026 property tax distribution. With the full assessed value expected to return to the tax rolls in the next fiscal year, the District anticipates a larger allocation in 2027. Beginning in 2028, the Fire District is expected to receive its full property tax allocation previously dedicated to urban renewal.

Chief Miles updated the board on the site improvements at Eastview Lane. Additionally, Chief Miles discussed a regional AFG application that is going to be submitted for mobile and portable radios (aka, subscriber units) for the Marion County Radio Project. Marion County Fire District #1 will be the lead agency, submitting the grant on our behalf.

Director Bledsoe asked Chief Miles if all conflagration money from last conflagration season had been received. Chief Miles confirmed that all reimbursements for conflagration had been received.

- b) Chief Miles invited the board to attend the Silverton Fire District Annual Picnic on July 8th at 6:00pm at the Silverton Fire District Main Station.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Re-appoint Position 2 Civil Service Commissioner

Vice President Palmer made a motion to re-appoint Civil Service Commissioner Steven Dye to Position 2 of the Civil Service Commission effective July 1, 2026. Director Bledsoe seconded the motion.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

b) Adopt Resolution 26-370 Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Secretary Treasurer Mengucci made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-370, adopting the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Director Sowa seconded the motion.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

c) Chief Work Back

The Board declined to enter executive session to discuss Chief Miles' work-back proposal. The Board discussed the proposed work-back arrangement but took no formal action. A one-year work-back agreement was considered, and the possibility of an extension was discussed. The Board agreed to continue reviewing the proposal and contract details, with further discussion scheduled for October 2026.

XI. ITEMS PENDING:

a) July Nomination of Board Positions

President Von Flue reminded board members that nominations for board positions will be taking place at the July board meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of July, 2026.

Leo Von Flue

President

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kaylee Spencer