

SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES

DRAFTED FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND OR CORRECTION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. January 13, 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

ABSENT:

All Present

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Miles, OA Cantu, AC Veit, BC Terhaar, Lt Brown

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Vice President Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 board meeting as amended. Director Sowa seconded the motion. The motion carried with four in favor and one abstained.

President Von Flue noted that Director Sowa's name needed to be added in place of the former Director Bielenberg.

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

VII. OPEN FORUM:

a) Chief Miles informed the Board that FF Max Hughes has submitted his resignation effective January 16th, 2026. Chief Miles thanked FF Hughes for all that he has done for the district and wished him luck on his next venture.

b) Chief Miles recognized Lt. Dan Brown for his work with the membership on certifications shown in the latest newsletter. Additionally, last year, he assisted in facilitating 16 CPR classes and certified 184 individuals for CPR.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Fire Chief Evaluation

President Von Flue inquired as to the Board's preferred timing for conducting the Fire Chief's evaluation. Following discussion, the Board agreed the evaluation will be incorporated into an already scheduled meeting. Vice President Palmer will be responsible for preparing the evaluation.

IX. 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. Director Bledsoe 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)

X. CHIEF'S REPORT

a) Monthly Report

Chief Miles provided a brief overview of the monthly report to the Board, including the transition from NFIRS to NERIS that commenced on January 1 and updates regarding the 2026 Recruit Academy. Chief Miles also briefed the Board on the Marion County Radio Project. Additionally, Chief Miles informed the Board that the City of Hubbard has provided notice of its intent to withdraw from Metcom, noting that a formal voting process is required before the City may exit the cooperative of agencies utilizing Metcom for dispatch services. The Board authorized Chief Miles to vote on its behalf. Chief Miles further presented information regarding the 2026 insurance premiums and rates, including a comparison to 2025. Chief Miles notified the Board of an upcoming repair to the fire sprinkler system at Station 1 following the discovery of a system failure.

b) Awards Banquet on February 14th, 2026

Chief Miles extended an invitation to the Annual Awards Banquet being held at the Oregon Gardens on February 14th, 2026, beginning at 6:00pm.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 26-365 Accepting and Expressing Gratitude for Donation

Director Bledsoe made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-365 Accepting and Expressing Gratitude for Donation. Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

b) Resolution 26-366 Appropriate Unanticipated Funds Received From A Citizen Donation

Vice President Palmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-366 Appropriating Unanticipated Funds Received from a Citizen Donation. Director Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

XII. ITEMS PENDING:

a) SDAO Conference February 5th-8th, 2026 (Seaside, Oregon)

President Von Flue reminded the board that the SDAO Conference is February 5th-8th in Seaside, Oregon.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2026.



President

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kaylee Spencer