

BERTHOUD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



Date:	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Location:	District Headquarters, 248 Welch Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Mike Cook, Dave Shipley, Gary Maggi, Dan Hershman

Absent excused: Eric Ryplewski

Also present: Fire Chief Stephen Charles, Division Chief Jeff Long, Division Chief Andrew Kuiken, Administrative Director SarahGennie Colazio, Community Engagement Coordinator Megan Harris

Citizens Attendees: May Soricelli Albrecht, William Karspeck

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Review of the agenda and addition of items of new business to the agenda for consideration by the Board.

Added Cooperative Agreement for Wildfire Resiliency Code.

Motion by Michael Cook to accept the agenda as amended, second by David Shipley, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation by May Albrecht on the idea of a first responder/veteran memorial bandstand. She asked BFPD to be the main financial contributor to the pavilion, with a suggested donation not to exceed \$150,000. She said the Town would then own the pavilion and rent it out for events. The idea is to bring back a community centered location into Fickel Park, similar to the town's history in the early 1900's.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of July 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Michael Cook to approve the July 14th minutes as presented, second by David Shipley, motion carried.

Approval of August 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Michael Cook to approve the August 11th minutes as presented, second by David Shipley, motion carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

No Financial Report this month

VII.COMMAND STAFF REPORTS

STEPHEN CHARLES, FIRE CHIEF

Item 1. Town of Berthoud Ordinance 1389 Amending Chapter 11 of the Berthoud Municipal Code to Adopt the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code.

Motion by Gary Maggi to adopt Resolution 2026-09082026 as presented, second by Michael Cook, motion carried.

Item 2. Adopt the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as amended by the Town of Berthoud, this piece is included in the resolution above.

Item 3. Town of Berthoud/Berthoud Fire Protection District Cooperative Agreement for Wildfire Resiliency Code Administration and Enforcement.
Motion to adopt the Town of Berthoud/BFPD Cooperative agreement as presented by David Shipley, second by Gary Maggi, motion carried.

Item 4. Berthoud Fire Protection District fleet maintenance and repair, discussion on the arrangement with LFRA and short staffing, prioritization of City of Loveland vehicles. Staff is exploring other vendors to keep BFPD apparatus and vehicles repaired and maintained on a timely basis.

Item 5. Community Wildfire Protection Plan- First draft of the plan should be ready by October.

Item 6. Renewed our IGA for Wildland Deployment Resource Sharing on August 26, 2026

Item 7. Town of Berthoud/Little Thompson Water District fire hydrant inspection and flow test- Town of Berthoud will be testing their own hydrants, the BFPD contractor will continue to test Little Thompson.

Item 8. Update on Maverick, Taco Bell, and McDonald's, Maverick and Taco Bell will be exploring options to reopen, McDonald's plans to raze the building and abandon the site.

SARAHGENNIE COLAZIO, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

No Report

JEFF LONG, DIVISION CHIEF

No Report

ANDREW KUIKEN, DIVISION CHIEF

No Report

**VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMUNICATION/OPEN
DISCUSSION**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Board President called for a motion to adjourn at 4:18 pm, made by Michael Cook, second by David Shipley, motion carried.

SIGNATURES

Dan Hershman

Dan Hershman (Oct 16, 2026 15:26:39 MDT)

Dan Hershman, Board President



Mike Cook, Vice President

Gary Maggi, Secretary/Treasurer

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Dave Shipley (Oct 19, 2026 09:55:44 MDT)

Dave Shipley, Board Member

Absent Excused September Meeting

Eric Ryplewski, Board Member

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