

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2026

Call the Meeting to Order

JB Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All board members and Chiefs present.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Rod Kowach made a motion to approve the agenda, Mark Bang seconded. Motion Approved. (5:0).

JB Chapman welcomed new board member Keith Prescott.

Approval of Minutes

Bangs moved to approve the July 16, 2026 minutes as presented. Kowach and Chris Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Audience Comments

Troy, Chandace and Bryan Hampton came in to thank the department for the service, texts, phone calls, meals last ride and support.

Approval of Bills

Kowach made a motion to approve the bills for August 20, 2026 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$8,705.37 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$214.00 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$8,919.37. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders

2026-003 – For the locksmith to come and re-key/replace locks. Kowach made a motion to approve PO 2026-003. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

2026-004 – To repair and reseal the parking lot. Nichols made a motion to approve PO 2026-004. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Budget Review

Nichols - Revenue 105.3%. Admin 69.7%. Operations 38.6%. Capital 29%. Total Expenditure 56.7% of the budget. Pension has been funded.

New Business

CURA Presentation – KC Hume, from the City presented a discussion on Craig Urban Renewal Authority, background information, TIF, the process and location of Area 3

Audit – Audit engagement letter was presented for 2026 audit. Nichols made a motion to approve the audit engagement letter. Keith Prescott seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Request to draw pension – Retiree Steve Lingo will be turning 50 in September and has requested to start drawing pension. Nichols made a motion to accept, with approval from the pension board at the next meeting. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Correspondence

Thank you card from the Hampton Family was read by Chapman.

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 43 calls in July. 30 Fire, 13 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Academy passed their F1 written. Live fire is scheduled next Saturday. PR has been busy with Duck races, Balloon Festival, Ball Drops, and Fire Inspections. Fleet is in good shape. Foam is leaking on E1. L1 annual inspection was just completed. No issues.

Olsen presented an update on truck replacement. R2 proposal came back much higher than expected. It is not doable at that price structure. Evaluating pricing on new engine/transmission for it. Would like to pivot that money to the twins. Working with vendors for bids. Putting together a work group. Mark Bangs volunteered to help with that.

Mercer has been working on phone updates with Charter. It will be cheaper to cut down to two lines and go with Starlink. The board let it open to the Chief to manage.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you for the reports. Thank you, Tonya for what you do. Has some CURA insight, if anyone has any questions. Been busy with fires and accidents. Be safe.

Mark Bangs – Welcome Keith. Went to the City last week on the fire hydrants vs private hydrants. Has a rough draft of a letter to help make people aware of the situation. Presented a copy to the board for review. Drove around to fit an eye on the private hydrants.

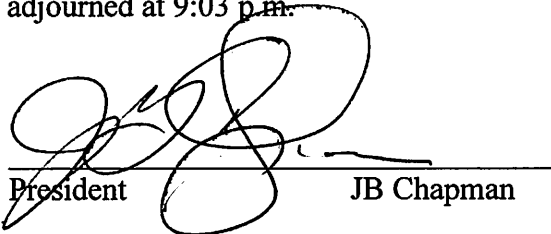
Chris Nichols – Gave an update on Tokyo Marine, Liability, Legal action summary, and the judge's review. Also gave an insurance adjuster update.

J.B. Chapman — Formal welcome to Keith. Saturday, at 2:00 at the Journey are services for Doug Willems father. Encourage everyone's support. Thanks for updates on trucks. Look at calendars for a workshop the end of September. Maybe in the evenings.

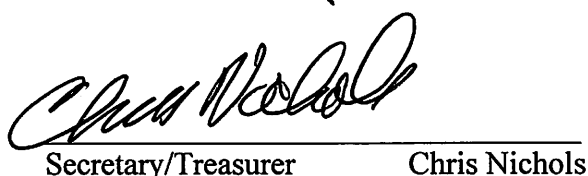
Keith Prescott – Extended condolences to the Hampton Family.

Adjournment

Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



President JB Chapman



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols