

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 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

Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the agenda, with the amendment of moving the discussion on private fire hydrants to the beginning of new business. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion Approved. (4:0).

Approval of Minutes

Kowach moved to approve the June 18 and July 15 2026 minutes as presented. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Bills

Nichols made a motion to approve the bills for July 16, 2026 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$22,721.19 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$94.18 and Pension bills of \$0.00 for a total of \$22,815.37. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols - Revenue 102%. Admin 65.4%. Operations 33.1%. Capital 22%. Total Expenditure 51.7% of the budget. Pension has been funded. The last of the big county checks arrived on Monday. We're a little over halfway through the year. We're in pretty good shape.

New Business

Private Hydrants – KC Hume, from the City presented a discussion on private hydrants in the community. It is estimated that there are approximately 50 hydrants that do not belong to the City. The City is not obligated to and does not have the authority to maintain hydrants on private property. Conversation was held on working together to better the situation from a life safety for the community aspect. Mark Bangs will act as a liaison with the City on this.

Audit - The audit was presented for final approval. Bangs made a motion to approve the audit. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Appointing a new Board Member – Conversation was held with both candidates last night. Kowach made a motion to appoint Keith Prescott. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Executive Session

Per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) (Discuss Personnel Matters) Nichols mad a motion to enter into Executive Session. Bangs Seconded. Entered into Executive Session 8:08 pm.



Executive Session ended 8:38 pm.

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 38 calls in June. 27 Fire, 11 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Academy had their F1 practical last weekend. Live Fire is upcoming. PR has had parade, picnic and tours. Fleet: pump relief valve is here. Will work on during work night. E7 discharge gauge is ordered. L1 is scheduled for its annual in August/September. We have suspended the battalion structure to improve response. Hopefully it creates better availability. Dispatch center meetings are ongoing. The next meeting is on the 27th.

Olsen presented an update on truck replacement. Have talked with Ikon for pricing on R2, to get a new chassis and add our box to it. They are already scheduling in the first part of March. The Timberwolf's are about 600-700 day build time from contract date. Will be forming a work group and start getting proposals.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thanks for what you do. The parade and picnic were nice. It's been busy. Tonya; thank you for what you do.

Mark Bangs – Thanks, now that battalions are gone, would like to reinforce officers to say in contact about coverage.

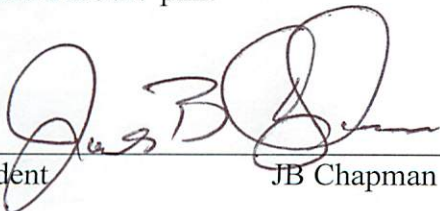
Chris Nichols – Missed picnic and parade. Don't have a lot to say, we need to make a decision on whether to shoot or save the fireworks. Time to look into budget requests.

J.B. Chapman — Olsen; thank you for cooking the burgers, they were great at the picnic. Thanks for putting it on. It was nice to have the BLM there

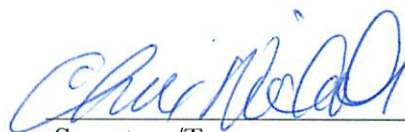
As a point of action, from conversation in executive session Nichols made a motion increasing administrative assistant wage by 5%. As a cost of living and merit increase. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (3:1) Nichols will work with Kevin Peck and look into retirement options.

Adjournment

Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



President JB Chapman



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols