CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 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).

Approval of Minutes
Bangs moved to approve the September 17, 2026 and September 24, 2026 minutes as presented. Kowach and Keith Prescott seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

Audience Comments
None

Approval of Bills
Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the bills for October 15, 2026 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of $19,262.29 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of $919.00.00 and Pension bills of $0.00 for a total of $20,181.29. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

Purchase Orders
None

Budget Review
Nichols - Revenue 107%. Admin 77.4%. Operations 62.3%. Capital 53%. Total Expenditure 70% of the budget. We ae ¾ of the way through the year. No concerns.

New Business
Draft Budgets – Chief Mercer presented draft budgets. All budgets are reflecting current numbers. HazMat had minor changes, some bids came in on budget items, and those numbers have been updated. Pension is having actuary look at different payment options. Fire budget has no changes to revenue. Corrected items requested and added Lexipol back in. Changed the internet a little Adjusted fuel for current prices. Added to fleet maintenance to refresh decals on command vehicle, update light package on Rescue 2. Adjusted some numbers to include roof and parking lot maintenance. Adjusted fans from 2 to 1. RIT pack will be adjusted once we receive the bid. Looking at a replacement port-a-tank for T1. Nichols asked for a balanced budget, adding a line to transfer from capital reserve for truck. Prescott asked about rants from FEMA, and the possibility of hiring a grant writer. discussion about moving the December board meeting from the17th to the 10th for budget.

Executive Session
Per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) (Discuss Personnel Matters) Bangs made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Prescott Seconded. Entered into Executive Session 7:38 pm.
Executive Session ended 9:23 pm.

Correspondence
Chapman read a thank you letter from the Boys & Girls Club

Reports from the Chief –
Chief Mercer – We had 20 calls in September. 13 Fire, 7 EMS, and 0 HazMat. HazMat academy started last week. Recruitment is underway, with 11 applications already received. Started Facebook posts, mailers, posters, and possibly a recruitment video. PR included Homecoming parade and bonfire. Truck maintenance HazMat truck has had turbo issues. It has been taken care of, and we received an invoice today. The Command vehicle has a broken cv, it is being fixed at Victory tomorrow under lifetime warranty.

Olsen presented an update on truck replacement. There is a new representative from Front Range. Should hae a better report for next month.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Thank you, appreciate everything that you do. Watch for rocks on the highway. Stay safe with winter coming. PR, parade and bonfire were all great.

Mark Bangs – Keep some people around here. Hose testing was a good time. The city versus private fire hydrants is in the cities lap.

Chris Nichols – We have received 3 new CORA requests. The attorney is handling that. We need to update some policies, maybe look back into that company that does policies. Spent some time with Tonya reviewing statutes for Pension. Called 2 law firms to see if they have availability to review pension, there is some conflicting information that needs researching. After Tonya's review, looked into retirement plans. Looking at a 457 plan. We will discuss that in January. Be ready for winter driving.

Keith Prescott – Ready to help with grant stuff and wherever you want help. Don't want things to fall back on Tonya. Can start on grants as soon as you want, just wanting some direction from the board.

J.B. Chapman — It was good to get away. Looking forward to the rest of the month and snow. Excited about truck committee. Appreciate all of that.

Adjournment
Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

President JB Chapman

Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols