Telluride Fire Protection District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting ~September 15th, 2026

MEMBERS: Kimball Sr, Broady, Quick (Z), Schuler (Z), Lucarelli ***Staff***: Bennett(Z), Dasaro, Van Damme(Z),Heidergott, Cheroske (Z), Martin

GUESTS:

TOPICS	**DISCUSSION**	**MOTION/ SECOND**	**ACTION ITEMS**	**DUE DATE**	**STATUS Open/Closed**
CALL TO ORDER	5:30 by Kimball				
ROLL CALL	5:30PM				
MINUTES	Approved unanimous for the August regular meeting.	M: Lucarelli S: Schuler			
APPEALS	None				
PUBLIC COMMENT					
Old Business	**Station 3 update:** Chief Bennett and Chief Gardner met with county planning regarding the water well access. The county is requesting TFPD to use a separate well for Station 3. Working with SEH, bids to find a contractor were narrowed down to 2 companies; Finbro and FCI. The cost for the overall project could be higher than expected based on theses conversations. Chief Bennett will work with the Finance and Master Planning committees to determine how best to proceed. **Wildfire Assignments:** Cheroske stated 1 crew will return today and the next crew will return on Saturday. There was a request to extend for another rotation, but the decision was made to decline and allow the crews some time off. **PANO AI Usage**: Chief Bennett provided the board with the August report. It continues to show usage and benefits of the system. There is a potential to allow the public have limited viewing access, which will be discussed. Cheroske mentioned how the PANO camera was able to pick up the Hughes Ditch fire on Specie Mesa. Which was the first alert received for the fire.				
New Business	**2027 Budget discussion:** The budget is being prepared and will be ready for the initial presentation to the Board at the October meeting. **Other items from the floor:** Chief Bennett recognized all the hard work over the summer from all staff. He made a request of the Board to provide an Unplanned Discretionary Bonus for staff, an amount per employee that will be determined at his discretion. A motion was made to approve the bonus; passed 4-1.	M: Schuler S: Quick			
	Deputy Chief: Nothing to add ***Battalion Chief Training:*** Not present ***EMC Coordinator:*** Not present				

REPORTS	***Fire Marshal:*** Not present ***HR Coordinator***: Nothing to add ***District Chief***: Chief Bennett was grateful to all the staff for their continued hard work and support. ***Board Members:*** Nothing to add ***Committee Updates:*** Nothing to add				
APPROVAL of BILLS	Bills reviewed and approved unanimously	M: Broady S: Schuler			
EXECUTIVE SESSION					
ADJOURNMENT	6:00 pm	M: Broady S: Schuler			

NEXT MEETING –October 20th, 2026 5:30 PM @ Station 1

Approved:

Michael Kimball — President

Sutton Schuler — Vice President

Jim Lucarelli — Sec/Treas.

Mark Quick — Member

Chris Broady — Member