

FOUR MILE FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. Date: April 15, 2026
 - A. Roll call for quorum. Board Members: (P) Jeff Carnahan, President; (P) Randy Bruggink, Vice President; (P) Gail Vetter, Secretary; (P) Paul Jackson, Treasurer; (P) Bob Reiss, At Large
Non-Voting Board Members: (P) Chris Hawkins, Fire Chief; (EA) Wendy Wickwire, Bookkeeper;
(P) Victoria Carnahan, Brigade Chief (P) Present (EA) Excused Absence (A) Absence
 - B. Swear in new board member: Gail Vetter took the Oath as a new Board Member. Paul Jackson moved to accept Gail Vetter as Board Secretary, seconded by Randy Bruggink. All approved.
2. Previous Minutes: Reviewed minutes of March 18, 2026. Name correction on 5c - Gail Vetter. Gail Vetter made motion to make the correction. Paul Jackson seconded. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Randy Bruggink made motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Bob Reiss, all approved.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business:
 - A. Payment for deployed firefighters: Currently 30 days with appropriate paperwork submitted. Paul Jackson made motion to approve 100% payment within the 30 days. Randy Bruggink seconded. All approved.
 - B. Agreement for employee health insurance: State of Colorado requires organizations of 5 or more paid employees to be offered health insurance. Paul Jackson made motion to approve paying 50% of health insurance. Randy Bruggink seconded the motion. All approved.
 - C. Discuss Profit credit cards: Payments due end of month, with 21-day extension – line of credit. Randy Bruggink made motion that this topic be tabled until next month while further investigations of other financial institutions. Bob Reiss seconded the motion. All approved.
 - D. FMES distribution: President, Jeff Carnahan read letter to 4 Mile Fire Protection District from resident, Stephen T. Witcher, dated April 11, 2026. Randy Bruggink made motion to **attach** the said letter to this month's minutes. Jeff Carnahan seconded the motion. All approved.
6. Brigade Chief Report: Spaghetti Dinner has been distributed on Facebook 4 Mile website, Courier, Subdivisions websites. Volunteers welcome. Event will be from 4-7 pm on Saturday, April 25th.
7. Chief's Report: 24 calls this month. Zero control burns. 3 fires. Red flags are greater than in the past two years. Driest year in State history. Three of our volunteers retired recently and their contributions will be greatly missed. We are scheduled to begin chipping in 5 subdivisions. Pine needle collection starting on May 19-24. All personnel and equipment outside our district are back from fighting fires. Tender 32 is back in service. Sincere gratitude to all our staff and volunteers.
8. Public Comments: Responded to questions from community members present. There will be 6 dumpsters from the county for pine needle collection starting May 19-24; Pheromones on healthy trees to prevent beetles from populating other trees; and currently we have 37 volunteers and 6 paid employees.
9. Randy Bruggink made motion to adjourn meeting. Paul Jackson seconded. All approved. Adjournment at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Vetter, Secretary

Board of Directors:

President, Jeffrey Carnahan,
Vice President, Randy Bruggink
Treasurer, Paul Jackson
Secretary, Gail Vetter
Member at Large, Bob Reiss

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