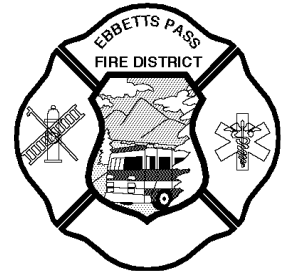


Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES Board of Directors June 16, 2026

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with additional accommodation for the public through the use of Zoom Meetings. Board President Jon Vattuone called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Michael Barr
Denny Clemens
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Jon Vattuone

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard, Andrea Ramirez
Battalion Chief Matt O'Donnell, Peter Ryan, Chuck Hatcher,
Ryan Miguel, William Koelzow, Preston Barnett, Glenn Verkerk,
Shea Buhler, Bryn Buhler

Public present: Nancy Smith, Will Koelzow family

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Erin Felby

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** – None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to accept Consent Items 3.1. and 3.2. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Clemens & Vattuone)

Chief Johnson reviewed the financial status that is near the Fiscal Year End.

He also reported:

Ambulance Revenue for the month of May \$86,741.

Cash in Treasury is 350,000 more than last fiscal year.

- 4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Clemens & Barr)

Chief Johnson reported that the District has the Firefighter-Paramedic recruitment open until July 25, 2026, there has been one applicant. Eric Griffiths, Kody Simons and Alex Baker have completed and passed the Engineer test that was administered by Glenn Verkerk with the help of Sean Bitner.

- 4.2.1. Promotional Badge Pinning: William Koelzow to be Pinned as Engineer-Paramedic:

Chief Johnson invited Engineer William Koelzow to the front. He noted that engineers have a responsibility to make sure all first responders get to the scene safely and William does an exceptional job. Stephanie then pinned the badge onto William Koelzow.

- 4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors McKinney & Vattuone)
Chief Johnson reported that the District will hold interviews on July 24, 2026, for the Fire Prevention Officer with the four applicants that applied. Chief Johnson invited any Board member to be involved on the interview panel.
- 4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors McKinney & Clemens)
Chief Johnson stated the emission struggles on the oldest ambulance have been dissolved. The newest ambulance is beginning to have the same issues, but it will be covered under the current warranty.
- 4.5. Station 3 Construction Committee (Directors Barr & Alternate Clemens)
Chief Johnson reported the committee has been meeting bi-weekly. He is waiting to receive the draft for request for quotations from Capital Program Management (CPM) along with a draft cost estimate of the project.
5. Scheduled Items
 - 5.1. Ambulance Transport Rate Adjustment
Chief Johnson presented the Annual Ambulance Transport Rate with an increase of 2.7% for this fiscal year. Mr. Barr made the motion to approve the Ambulance Transport Rate Adjustments, Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.1.1 Resolution No. 2026-5: Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District Ambulance Transport Rates for Fiscal Years 2026-27
Mr. Barr made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-5 Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.2. Policy 4060: Organizational Chart
Mr. Barr made a motion to adopt Policy 4060 Organizational Chart. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.3. Policy 6319: Personnel—Position Description: Paid Battalion Chief
Tabled until the next meeting.
 - 5.4. Policy 1060: Fire District Records: Retention and Disposition:
Mr. Barr made a motion to adopt Policy 1060 Fire District Records Retention and disposition Mr. Dashner seconded, motion 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.5. Ebbetts Pass Fire District Resolution 2026-4: District Signature Authorization
Chief Johnson reported that this resolution was the one required annually by the County Auditor's Office. Mr. Clemens made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-4: A Resolution of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District Board of Directors for District Signature Authorization. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.6. Special Districts Association Board of Directors
Chief Johnson presented to the Board the candidates on the election ballot running for California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, following some discussion, Mr. Barr made the motion for Chief Johnson to vote on behalf of the Board of directors for the selected candidate Peter Kampa. Mr. Dashner Seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).
 - 5.7. Adoption of Resolution Approving Participation in the CalPERS California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust Program (115 Trust).
Chief Johnson briefly explained Weist Law drafted the documents for Ebbetts Pass

Fire District to participate in CalPERS 115 Trust. He suggested that we adopt this resolution and determine an amount to contribute at a later time. Mr. Clemens made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-6 CalPERS 115 Trust. Mr. Barr seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone).

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson stated the “No Fireworks” signs are going to be set up, He will continue to try and get it on the highway signboard.

Chief Johnson announced Chief Dell’Orto and Chief Dickenson will be retiring. Altaville Melones Fire Department and City of Angels Camp Fire used to share a Chief but now Altaville Melones Fire Department will be in contract for services with the City of Angels Camp.

Chief Johnson reported that there were three Firefighters that completed and passed the engineer promotion test. He also stated that Calaveras County Board of Supervisors decided to remove all fire districts funds from Prop 172 and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and give it to the District Attorney’s office and the Sheriff’s office for dispatching costs. Approximately 85% reduction for all fire districts.

6.2. Legislative Report

Assembly and Senate amended their 26-27 budget for the next generation 911 system costing approximately 10 million plus.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson noted that Mountain Counties EMS Agency is posting the current fiscal year ambulance rates to their website to be compliant with AB 716.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Clemens stated he is appreciative the district is fiscally whole and that we are moving in the correct direction forward.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Glenn Verkerk reported a profit of \$6,000 from the beer booth over Memorial Day weekend. The Firefighter Association’s raffle donations are approximately \$59,000. He also reported that there will be a meeting with GABA for the 4th of July parade.

7.3. Employees' Group

Glenn Verkerk advised the Board that he is stepping down from the union leadership along with Chuck Hatcher. New Union representatives are:

President: Nathan Attaway

Vice President: Kyle Salyer

Secretary: Bryn Buhler

7.4. Public Comments

Nancy Smith showed her appreciation to all the firefighters for how professional they are when they come into Forrest Meadows subdivision.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Clemens made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone). 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ramirez
District Secretary