

RECORD OF MINUTES
Elk Creek Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2025 (In Person and Via Zoom)

1. Call to Order

President Devaney called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District (ECFPD) to order at 6:02PM on Thursday, November 20th. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom pursuant to statutory notice. All board members were in attendance in person.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence for Fallen Responders

4. Agenda

- a. All board members reviewed the agenda
- b. Treasurer Woods motions to approve agenda as presented. VP Leo 2nds. All vote in favor.

5. Public Comment Period – Two district residents commented

6. Review and Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes

- a. Treasurer Woods motions, VP Leo 2nds. All vote in favor.

7. Financial Report

- a. Treasurer Woods presents the financial report for October revenue and expenditures.
- b. Treasurer Woods motions to approve October 2025 financials. Secretary Noonan 2nds. All vote in favor.

8. Chief Ware's Report

Chief Ware's report on activity, calls, and personnel was presented. A copy of the report is on file with the District office.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business

- a. 2025-11-20-1 Resolution Concerning the Adoption of a Budget and Appropriation of Funds for Fiscal Year 2026, Budget Hearing. Sec Noonan motions, VP Leo 2nds to move into Budget Hearing at 6:25PM
 - i. Chief Ware presents the 2026 proposed budget. Proposed budget is published on the website and is included in the Board Packet. Chief highlighted the line items with more than an approximate 25% change from the 2025 budget.
 - ii. Opportunity for questions from Board members regarding budgets
 - iii. Budget public comment/question period – three district residents participated
 - 1. Neil Whitehead – in person - spoke regarding a line item for "Rookie Training Academy" and asks if there will be a training academy in 2026. Chief states that a training academy will be held in 2026. President Devaney asked Neil Whitehead the source of a budget number which he cited during his public

comment. This budget number was not available to the public. Whitehead stated he received the detailed budget from Director Newby.

2. Flip Koch – via Zoom - asked for the legal costs forecasted for 2026. Chief stated that legal costs are budgeted for around \$100,000 and are included in “Administrative Expenses”. Flip Koch requests that legal expenses attributed to Director Newby be called out separately.
3. Rob Jorgenson – via Zoom – asks why it’s fiscally responsible to buy 2 ambulances that we can’t “use and house”. Chief says the district has space for them, that the ambulances are needed to serve the district, and that the district is exploring options for permanent housing of ambulances.
- iv. Secretary Noonan motions to ends the Budget Hearing, Treasurer Woods 2nds. All votes in favor. Public hearing closes at 7:00PM.
- v. Secretary Noonan motions to approve the 2026 Budget as presented, Treasurer Woods 2nds. All voted in favor to approve 2026 Budget
- b. 2025-11-20-2 Resolution to set Mill Levies
 - i. Secretary Noonan motions to set mill level at 12.5 mills. VP Leo 2nds. All voted in favor.

11. Executive Session

- a. Public is invited to leave the meeting room. The Board (with the exception of Director Newby), Chief Ware, and Attorney Chmil remain.
- b. Secretary Noonan motions, Treasurer Woods 2nds to begin the executive session at 7:02PM
- c. Executive Session pursuant to Sec 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding the current litigation on unification and related impacts is held.
- d. Secretary Noonan motions to end executive session, VP Leo seconds.
- e. Executive session ends at 7:34PM

12. Board meeting resumes at 7:35PM – in person and via Zoom

- a. All board members (with exception of Director Newby) are present in person. Director Newby joins via Zoom.
- b. President Devaney motions to adjourn board meeting.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.