

Western Hills Fire Protection District

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr., Calven Goza, and Kris Knez
 Absent: Caleb Clark,

Also present:

Public Safety Officer Rick Ruggeri
 Ch. Brian Kuznik
 Janice Perekrestenko
 Tyler Knez

3. **Changes in Agenda:** Move Resolution discussion to first in agenda.

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Call Summary 45 calls, 10 were in Garden City. Average response time 9 minutes and 25 seconds. This is 20 seconds slower than February.

Starting Fire negotiations with the Local on April 12th. Interest based bargaining.

Two Quint apparatus have been delivered and will be placed in service at the end of March.

VFW Ceremony – Firefighter in blue awarded to Lt. Jeremy Vilhauer.

Weld county Dispatch Center – attended open house in February. New location/expanded their workstations. Dispatches for all of Weld County.

Calls	2026 WH	2025 WH	2024 WH
January	39	39	58
February	45	37	54
March		52	64
1st Quarter		128	176
April		41	54
May		34	55
June		46	59
2nd Quarter		121	168
July		38	55
August		35	64
September		31	48
3rd Quarter		104	167

October		48	44
November		39	51
December		44	48
4th Quarter		131	143
Year to Date		484	654

5. **Minutes:** February 2026 Regular Meeting
 Motion to accept February 2026 Minutes.
 (Knez/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

6. **Financials:**

- A. Bills Paid in February 2026
 Motion to accept Bills Paid in February 2026 as presented.
 (Goza/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved
- B. Statement of Changes as of February 2026
 Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.
 (Steinmetz/Knez) 4-0
- C. Motion to accept Journal Entries for February 2026.
 (Knez/Goza) 4-0 Approved
- D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
- E. Closing Checklist February 2026
 Motion to accept the February Closing Checklist.
 (Goza/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**

- A. Feasibility Study-

Ch. Kuznik reviewed the parameters that were presented in the fall of 2025.

The scope of work – evaluation of fairness in cost sharing.
 Ability to meet current and future needs of the District and the City.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) can be sent out to bid but does not obligate any action by the District or City. The document will be prepared with the assistance of the City of Greeley Purchasing Division.

Citizen Comment – Citizen meeting could be held to inform the taxpayers of the District.

Board Consensus to approve an RFP Draft. The draft will be emailed to the Board for review prior to the April regular meeting.

B. Station Maintenance –

1. Weed Spraying – performed by CX1 Ag – guaranteed for the growing season.
2. The sprinkler system bid needs to get three bids. (Spring 2026 project)
Fisher Irrigation; All Terrain,
3. Pavement assessment of the parking lot.
4. Flag replaced.
5. Carpet Cleaning rotation – verify schedule.

8. **New Business:**

- A. Resolution – Wildfire Resiliency Code
Goza/Steinmetz 4-0

9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None

10. **Adjourn:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Steinmetz/Goza 4-0

Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items

Date	Time	Agenda Items
04/13/2026	5:30 p.m.	
05/11/2026	5:30 p.m.	
06/08/2026	5:30 p.m.	
07/13/2026	5:30 p.m.	
08/10/2026	5:30 p.m.	
09/14/2026	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

Greg Johnson, Board President