

Western Hills Fire Protection District

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

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

2. **Attendance:**

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

Also present:

Public Safety Officer Rick Ruggeri
 Ch. Brian Kuznik
 Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:** None

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Call Summary 39 calls, 10 were in Garden City. Average response time 9 minutes and 5 seconds. This is 55 seconds slower than December, primarily due to dispatch/call handling time.

Fire Department took delivery of two new units in January – The Quints each cost about 1.25 million dollars. They will be placed in service in late March at Station 1 and Station 7.

EMS/Transport RFP will be out in March.

Wildfire Resilience – from Lyons Gaddis – The Board has approved by consensus communication between Ch. Kuznik and John Chmil. This code will primarily impact areas on the east side of the district. Fern and Holly Avenues are in the urban/wildland interface.

Calls	2026 WH	2025 WH	2024 WH
January	39	39	58
February	39	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:** January 2026 Regular Meeting
Motion to accept January 2026 Minutes.
(Knez/Clark) 3-0 Approved

6. **Financials:**
 - A. Bills Paid in January 2026
Motion to accept Bills Paid in January 2026 as presented.
(Knez/Clark) 3-0 Approved

 - B. Statement of Changes as of January 2026
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.
(Clark/Knez) 3-0

 - C. Motion to accept Journal Entries for January 2026.
(Knez/Clark) 3-0/ Approved

 - D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.

 - E. Closing Checklist January 2026
Motion to accept the January Closing Checklist.
(Clark/Knez) 3-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**
 - A. Feasibility Study-
Ch. Kuznik had no new information to report.
The Board will discuss when the full board is in attendance.
Any update on placement of rebuild of Station 4?
No update, a feasibility study would assist in possible placement of the station.
Continue at March meeting.

 - B. Station Maintenance –
 1. Lawn Care – Law Lawn is still the designated vendor.

The sprinkler system bid needs to get three bids. (Spring 2026 project)
Fisher Irrigation; All Terrain,
 3. Pavement assessment of the parking lot.

8. **New Business:**

A. No items

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

10. **Adjourn:**

Vice President Steinmetz declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.
Clark/Knez 3-0

Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items

Date	Time	Agenda Items
03/09/2026	5:30 p.m.	
04/13/2026	5:30 p.m.	
05/11/2026	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

Greg Johnson, Board President