Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 1600, Station 2

Call to Order: 1602 hours by Bob Loveman

BOD Attendees: Bob Loveman (President), Rob Quinn (Vice President), Katy Fassett (Secretary), Nick Molé (Treasurer), Matt Struzziero, Marcus Taekla

Excused Absent: Stasi York

Other Attendees: Chief Benson

Public Attendees: Paul Domich, Alexis Aguirre (Crew Foreman)

Meeting Minutes: Bob moved that the minutes, as amended, of the September 8, 2025 meeting be approved. Seconded by Matt and approved; unanimous.

Reports

ADA Compliance Committee: Paul reported that the BMFPD's website is 100% ADA compliant. Paul discovered an old fire code document on the website that predates the BMFPD merger between Pine Brook and Boulder Heights. There was a lengthy discussion about its enforceability and relevance. Paul recommended that Chief Benson seek clarification from legal about how we could amend or establish new district codes, and if the pre-merger codes apply to Boulder Heights. The existing document will remain as is on the website.

Paul reported that it was difficult and time consuming for him to access the seven website domains under BMFPD - they are all owned and password protected by different members. There were several recommendations for resolving the problem such as having two designated managers, a vault application to manage any changes to access, or a policy for access. It was determined that any changes to log ins, passwords, or authentication must be reported to one of the following: Matt Struzziero, Mike Palamara, and Greg Anderson.

Paul also advised the Board that Boulder Mountain Handmade booth selling, and purchaser pages didn't come over to the new website. Sometime in the future, these pages will need to be made ADA compliant and be brought over to the new website. This will need to be completed before 2026.

Bob requested that the website ADA management company's billing be changed from monthly to annual.

Paul left the meeting at 1651.

Treasurers Report: Nick reported that despite having modest tax revenue, we had good dispatch revenue. We are in a better cash position this year than last. Account receivables are up approximately $250,000. There are many outstanding collections due, and some are very close to payment to us.

Chief Benson reported that we have $87,937.50 coming in from the forest service, and $62,520.63 from the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Chief also reported that $67,920 is coming due for general insurance, $35,000 for pension payments, and $38,000 for truck beds. He warned that the State of Colorado, Executive Director's Office (EDO) layoffs may cause more delays in some of the fire payments.

ERT Coordinator: Alexis Aguirre, appeared on behalf of Mike Palamara to report that some seasonals have left, but twelve have remained to work through the winter if the weather holds. He reported that $40,000 has been spent on operations testing, patrols, training, interviews, and the rookie program, with a $412,000 backlog in mitigation.

There was one Injury to report from a small rash that is resolved. There are no local fires to report. 4333 is still out on its ninth assignment with a tenth order received. A crew swap will take place this week in California. 4333 has earned $200,000 in engine revenue. There has been $943,000 in MIT dispatch revenue so far, and that number should go to $1M by the end of the year, weather dependent. The Pine Brook HOA job is expected to be finished this week. Alexis will check to see if another invoice will be sent for the project.

Fed, State, and County grants are funded through 2026. Grant applications have been sent for coverage through 2028. Still waiting for the announcement of federal grant applications. The state application approved for $220k was successful, and the county application was a success as well. These will take us through 2028.

Alexis left the meeting at 1710

Chief Update: Chief Benson reported that big engines and tenders have had pump tests completed and all have passed. 4302 had a radiator leak due to bad clamps and has been repaired. Buildings are all looking good. Chief will secure the contract on propane for the winter. 4302 had $6,000 in damages due to a minor incident. 4359 broke down due to DEF fuel being put into the tank and had to be towed from Henderson, NV to Las Vegas, NV. Repairs estimated to be $25,000 plus cost of tow. Insurance will look at it. The truck will be there until December. Chief will incorporate proper fuel use into future trainings.

Chief submitted a preliminary budget and will refine it with Mike when he is back. He reported that the 1b grant has been submitted and he is asking for $248,253. The grant covers personal protective equipment, radios, detectors, SCBA packs, training props, and EMS equipment. We should hear if we get it by the end of December.
BMFPD should expect less tax revenue due to changes in assessed values and anticipates the tax revenue reduction may continue into subsequent years.

Absent: Bob announced that he will be absent from the November and December meetings.

Meeting Notices and Scheduling
Next BOD meeting is at Station 1 on November 10, 2025, at 1600.

Adjournment: Bob moved to adjourn the meeting at 1737 hours. Seconded by Matt and approved; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Fassett

Approved _____ Date _____