

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting January 7, 2026

PENSION BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were Eric Talley, John Sigle, Murray Thiessen, Darrell Charlesworth and Dave Gitchell. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Chef Balke Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, public Matt Thesing future board member, and volunteer member Courtney Griffith.

MOTION by Dave Gitchell and seconded by John Sigle to accept the November minutes as presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Old Business- none

Matching Funds

Stacy Cox advised that the state provided \$11,292.00 in matching funds for the pension fund.

New Business-4th quarter reports were not yet available.

Stacy advised that the second payment of 1 mil was paid to the pension fund.

MOTION by Dave Gitchell and seconded by John Sigle to adjourn meeting. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Murray Thiessen. In attendance were Murray Thiessen, Eric Talley, John Sigle, Darrell Charlesworth. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Chief Balke, Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, Matt Thesing (future board member), and volunteer member Courtney Griffith along with member of pension board Dave Gitchell.

MOTION by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by Eric Talley to accept the November minutes was presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tender:

Stacy Cox advised that just got notice that the payment of \$273,855.32 will be deposited into the checking account in 3-5 business days from FEMA for the grant for the new tender.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oath for New Board Member:

Matt Thesing said he would like to be a board member. Murray Thiessen administrative the oath to Matt. Matt took the oath of office. Paperwork appointing him to the board was signed.

MOTION by Darrel Charlesworth and second by Eric Talley was to appoint the following board members to the following positions:

Murray Thiessen – Board Chair/President

Eric Talley – CO-Chair/Vice President

John Sigel – Treasurer

Darrel Charlesworth – Secretary

Matt Thesing – Member at Large

MOTION was made by John Sigel and Eric Talley seconded it to approve and designate COMFPD board meetings to be at 7 PM the 1st Wednesday of March, May, October and November at the Fire Station, 3253 B ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO unless otherwise changed or cancelled. Also, the “24-hour notice of meeting” to be posted at the fire station at 3253 B ½ Road, Grand Junction and on the website at centralorchardmesafd.org. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Does any board member have a personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department? Eric Talley said no, Murray Thiessen said no, John Sigel said no, Darrel Charlesworth said no, and Matt Thesing said no.

Approval from the Board to apply for Exempt from Audit

MOTION by Darrel Charlesworth and seconded by Eric Talley to approve to apply for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2025. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Stacy Cox gave the 2025 year end treasurer’s report.

Stacy Cox went over the revenue and expenses for 2025.

Property Tax Revenue is \$267,192.36 and other income so far \$162,683.13 for a total \$429,888.60 which is 97.88% of the budgeted income for 2025.

Total expenses year to date is \$397,276.28 which is 63.93% of the budget.

Being no questions, a **MOTION** by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by Eric Talley to accept the Year End 2025 report as presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Stacy Cox gave the 2026 year to date treasurer’s report.

Stacy Cox went over the revenue and expenses so for this year.

No Property Tax Revenue or income so far for 2026.

Total expenses year to day is \$1,198.00 which is 0.43%.

Being no questions, a **MOTION** by Eric Talley and seconded by Darrel Charlesworth to accept the year to date 2026 report as presented. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Chief’s Report

Ended the year with 412 calls.

As of today we have had 7 calls for 2026

Seven members will be attending the fire academy.

Six CMU students interning five are EMTS.

Have several applications- 3 or so are EMTs
Two had to restart the protocol process.
Squad need to be replaced- mechanical issues.
Engine has leak on inlet valves.

Live fire training this Saturday and three should be attending.
Semi Local wildland fire class information was put out but not much feedback from members.
But there will be another one in March.
Swift Water recuse coming up with Palisade soon.
Working with Union Pacific to get a reginal training going as the oil train has been approved
could be up to 14 daily trips with 100 cars up the I-70 corridor.
Dener is trying take write right from the western slope by eminent domain.

Other Matters before the Board:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJDOURMENT:

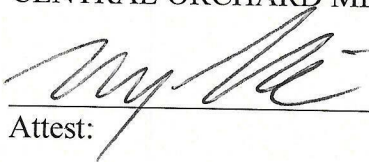
A **MOTION** was made by Darrell Charlesworth and seconded by Eric Talley to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried. Murray Thiessen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2026, 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Cox: Administrative Assistant

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Attest:



There are two applications - one for the 1st and 2nd
and the other for the 3rd and 4th.
I would like to see both of them.

I've the training this morning and it was about the attending
Semi-Annual - I think the first meeting was in the fall but I think I should
be there with the others - see the details.
I'd like to see what you think of the following
Working with a non-ferrous metal - meaning going to the oil train has been
could help to 14 days time with the 1-20 course.
There is a table for the first time the student does in summer domain

Other matters before the Board:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by David J. ... and seconded by ...
meeting - all went in favor of adjournment. There is a motion
at 7:45 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for ...

Respectfully submitted,
David J. ...

CHIEF OF BOARD ...

