

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

April 14, 2026, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director
April 14th, 2026, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

1.1 Roll Call Present – Directors de Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum
Absent- Flaming
Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Marcaccio

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda
(M/S) Rossi/Marcaccio
Passed 4/0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

3.1 There was a question raised as to whether anyone knew anything about the dumped appliances on Slug Gulch Road.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from March 10, 2026, Board Meeting

4.2 Administration recommends BOD approve: Payment of Bills – green sheets for March 2026
(M/S) Marcaccio/Rossi
Passed 4/0

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whit gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE: April 14, 2026

ITEM: April Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of March

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information about the District

Calls For Service in January:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>March</u>
Fire (Vehicle)	1
Rescue and Emergency Medical	44
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	0
Service Call (Public Assist)	1
Cover other districts stations	1
Good Intent	0
False Alarm	0
TOTAL	47

Fire Loss Total \$ 000.00

Apparatus

- E-38 is still in the shop for electrical problems. Looking at rewiring most/part of the harness. Holding our breath ...

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- E-335 has developed a coolant leak and is out of service for now.
- E-338 is still our front-line apparatus. Should be going in for service (regularly scheduled) as soon as E-38 is back and has been tested for service.

Facilities

- All facilities are doing well.
- We received and installed a new phone system. Seems to be working well.

Personnel

- All are good!

Administration

- We are moving forward with documenting exposures to personnel with our RMS system.
- We are continuing to make progress with our WIGS developed during our retreat.
 - We are continuing to look at purchasing two utility vehicles
 - Staff were able to test drive a Type VI (same as Rescue Fire purchased) with a very positive impression made. Should meet our needs for the foreseeable future if we choose to purchase.
 - We have rented PPE for one year for our Shift Volunteers.
- We have officially moved forward with CIRA for our liability insurance needs.
- Crews delivered the Easter Bunny for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs delivered by the Easter Bunny however!

Operations

- We will be hosting a rope rescue operations class in the second week of May for personnel and for outside agencies. Instructors have met with staff to determine logistical needs.
- We are purchasing three new handheld radios at a cost of roughly \$15,100.00 to start to replace line staff radios and outfit administration radios that will be more dependable. Radios taken out of service and given to Command and Volunteers in the Omo Ranch and Grizzly Flats area of response.
- We will be participating in a county-wide RT-130 (annual wildland refresher training) as well as hosting our own internal training for volunteers and PSSD members (taught by one of our PSSD members and Captain Stutts).

OPTIONS: The Chief's Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT: As noted in the report.

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

5.2 Local #4586

Captain Stutts – The Local will be reaching out to the board next month to start negotiations for new MOU

5.3 PVFA

Jerry Jumper reported – The Easter Egg Breakfast & Egg Hunt went well. They will be moving it back to the week before Easter next year. PVFA will be moving their board meetings to the 2nd Tuesday each month at 5pm.

5.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.

None

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5.5 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet.

5.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

Director Holum Provided a brief report of financial committee meeting held on 4/14/2026.

6 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Station 31 Building Project

Chief Whitt provided update – Still in process

6.2 Winery Water Access

Still in process

6.3 Drafting Hydrants

Hydrant is up and running at D’Agostini Pond. El Dorado County Planning is looking at other possible water sites for this kind of hydrant.

6.4 Landing Zones

Chief Whitt spoke with DOT related to snow removal and landing zones. Grizzly Flat is a priority. Chief Whitt let DOT know that we need more chips for the landing zones. It will be put off until Summertime to lay and seal. Chapman is no longer in service for us as a landing zone. The property owner is now ready to build their home. Keep this on the agenda.

6.5 Firefighter Meal Stipends

Chief Whitt received response from Legal Counsel- There are issues with this being a taxable event for firefighters, and this is not the direction the district wants to go in at this time.

Continued discussion will take place to seek another way to go. Remove from future agenda.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion of upcoming Tax Measure

Chief discussed the idea of the board putting together a resolution in support of the property tax measure. By 2030 Marshall Hospital must bring the old building up to current earthquake standards.

7.2 New Apparatus

Chief Whitt provided information about the new apparatus the district reviewed. FEMA funds may not be available anytime soon. We need an apparatus now, if we do not hear back from FEMA by the next board meeting, we would like to move forward with starting the purchase.

7.3 Resolution NO. 2026-02 PFPD Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction

Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services

Motion to approve Resolution NO. 2026-02 Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services

(M/S) DeBie/Marcaccio

Passed 4/0

7.4 SNOW ACCESS

Director Holum requested that Snow Access be placed on the agenda to facilitate a discussion about special equipment for medical calls during extreme snow events. Director de Bie suggested we investigate a Snow Cat. The question as to the justification for the purchase of an apparatus for one or 2 days a year was raised.

OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 7:20PM

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8 CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Fire Chief Performance Evaluation Government Code Section 54957 (BOD)

CLOSED SESSION OPENED AT 7:22PM

CLOSED SESSION CLOSED AT 7:53 PM

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 7:53PM

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Ad Hoc committee came up with a recommendation for the Chief's salary & compensation. The board provided feedback to Chief Whitt regarding his current performance as fire Chief. All feedback provided to Chief Whitt was positive. The Board will present the salary and compensation package at the May Board meeting as a new agenda item.

9 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9.1 The Fire Safe Councils joint community BBQ will be July 19, 2026, 1-4PM at The Davies Family Inn at Shadow Ridge Ranch.

10 AGENDA ITEMS (For Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting)

10.1 Chief's Salary & Compensation Package, Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget

11 ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn

(M/S) Rossi/Holum 4/0 Meeting adjourned 8:20PM

THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.