

# EAST FORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

1694 County Road  
Minden, Nevada 89423

## Meeting Agenda

John Bellona, Director, District 1  
Barbara Griffin, Director, District 2  
Bernard Curtis, Director, District 3  
Nathan Leising, Secretary, District 4  
Michael Sommers, President, District 5

Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief

Jolene Polish, Board Clerk

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

1:00 PM Board Meeting

To attend virtually-Contact Jolene Polish  
In person-1694 County Road, Minden

### MISSION STATEMENT

*“Serving the Fire and Life Safety Needs of Our Community”*

#### Meeting Notice and Access

The East Fork Fire Protection District Board meeting will be conducted in person and electronically. The public may attend in person at the East Fork Fire Protection District Administrative Office, 1694 County Road, Minden, Nevada, or participate electronically. To receive electronic meeting access information, please contact Jolene Polish prior to the day of the meeting at 775-782-9040 or [jpolish@eastforkfire.org](mailto:jpolish@eastforkfire.org).

#### Public Comment

Public comment may be submitted in advance by email and will be accepted through the day before the meeting. Written public comment should be emailed to Jolene Polish at [jpolish@eastforkfire.org](mailto:jpolish@eastforkfire.org) prior to the meeting date to be included in the official meeting record. Members of the public who require assistance submitting public comment may contact Jolene Polish at 775-782-9040.

#### Agenda Availability

The finalized agenda will be posted at the East Fork Fire Protection District Administrative Office. The agenda and supporting materials are also available electronically at:

<https://eastforkfire.org>  
<https://notice.nv.gov>

Electronic copies may be requested by contacting [jpolish@eastforkfire.org](mailto:jpolish@eastforkfire.org).

#### Agenda Items

Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined, or removed at the discretion of the Board. Items designated “for possible action” may be discussed and acted upon, including approval, modification, denial, no action, or continuance.

#### Public Participation

The Board is committed to conducting meetings in a professional and respectful manner and encourages public participation in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

#### Accommodation Notice

Pursuant to NRS 241, persons with disabilities who require special accommodations are requested to contact Jolene Polish at 775-782-9040 or in writing at 1694 County Road, Minden, Nevada 89423, at least 20 hours prior to the meeting.

**EAST FORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**1694 COUNTY ROAD**

**MINDEN, NEVADA**

**FINAL AGENDA**

**May 19, 2026**

**BOARD MEETING**

**1:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Michael Sommers

**OPENING PUBLIC COMMENT** (No Action)

At this time, public comment will be taken on those matters that are within the jurisdiction and control of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors but are not on the agenda for this meeting or those agenda items where public comment will not be taken as a public hearing is not legally required as where an item is for presentation only.

Public Comment may be limited to three minutes per speaker, which will be decided by the Board President or other presiding officer in his/her absence. If you are going to comment on a specific agenda item that the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors will take action on, please make your comments when the item is considered and is opened for public comment.

For members of the public not able to be present when an item on the agenda is heard, Speaker/Comment Cards are available in the Lobby at the entrance to the meeting room. These cards should be completed and given to the District Fire Chief or designee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

The Administrative Calendar will be handled as follows:

- (1.) The President will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2.) Staff will introduce the item and provide a report, if any.
- (3.) The applicant, if any, will have an opportunity to address the Board.
- (4.) The Board will then discuss the item.
- (5.) Once the Board has concluded their discussion, public comment will be allowed and is limited to three minutes per speaker.
- (6.) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any follow-up questions and take action.

On agenda items that are listed as a “for presentation only” with no action listed, public comment is not legally required and must be made at the beginning of the meeting.

- 1. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed agenda. The East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner, to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.
- 2. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the draft meeting minutes for the April 21, 2026, meeting of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.

### **AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & DONATIONS**

- 3. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to accept the donation of \$10,000 from The Wray Family Foundation to be used in supporting the East Fork Fire Protection District Annual Awards Ceremony and authorize a letter of appreciation from the Board President. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 5 Minutes.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are items that can be adopted with one motion unless separate consideration is requested by a District Director or a member of the public. Members of the public who wish to have a consent item placed on the Administrative Agenda shall make that request during the public comment section at the beginning of the meeting and specifically state why they are making the request. When items are pulled for discussion, they will automatically be placed at the beginning of the Administrative Agenda or may be continued until another meeting.

- 4. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Consent Calendar Items A-F. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 5 Minutes.
  - A. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to accept the report on general ledger cash balances as of April 30, 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)
  - B. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the receipt and filing of the list of accounts payable checks issued and cash disbursements/automatic withdrawals in April 2026 per NRS 474.210. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)
  - C. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve payroll expenses paid in April 2026 per NRS 474.210. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)

- D. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Procurement Card Transactions paid for in April 2026 per NRS 474.210. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)
- E. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the East Fork Fire Protection District's ambulance billing bad debt write-offs for the period of March 2026 in the amount of \$88,419.35. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)
- F. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to accept the report on state consolidated taxes collection and distribution as of January 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the new Deputy Chief job description consolidating the Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Chief of Operations, and Deputy Fire Chief of Training and Safety classifications into a single Deputy Chief classification. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 15 Minutes.
- 6. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a new full-time Division Chief position to strengthen operational leadership, improve training and safety oversight, enhance emergency response coordination, and support the District's long-term organizational sustainability. This position will not increase the District's overall staffing levels, it will replace the currently vacant Management Specialist position, resulting in an increase to the FY 2026/2027 budget in the amount of \$118,840. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 15 Minutes.
- 7. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to approve the District's annual property and liability insurance package as provided by Warren Reed Insurance representing Nevada Public Agency Insurance (POOL) at an annual cost of \$212,585.33. (Larry Goss, Deputy Chief) 15 Minutes.
- 8. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2026R-002, which augments the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for \$1,685,800 to the General Fund and \$3,724 to the Emergency Fund to appropriate and amend previously unbudgeted resources. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO) 10 Minutes.
- 9. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to adopt and approve the District's Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$32,208,986, which includes all funds and reserves, and all matters related thereto. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief and Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO) 30 Minutes.
- 10. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to purchase two (2) Chevrolet 1500 pickup trucks to replace an aging staff vehicle and update the

light vehicle (utility) fleet at a cost of \$53,800 each, for a total expenditure of \$107,600. (Larry Goss, Deputy Chief) 15 Minutes.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 11. For Presentation Only.** Budget Summary for month ending April 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO) 5 Minutes.
- 12. For Presentation Only.** Reports/updates from East Fork Professional Firefighters Association concerning the various assignments and committees they may be a member of, liaison to, or meetings/functions they have attended. No action will be taken on these reports/updates. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.
- 13. For Presentation Only.** Reports/updates from East Fork Volunteer Firefighters Association concerning the various assignments and committees they may be a member of, liaison to, or meetings/functions they have attended. No action will be taken on these reports/updates. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.
- 14. For Presentation Only.** Reports/updates from District Board Members and the Fire Chief concerning the various assignments and committees they may be a member of, liaison to, or meetings/functions they have attended. No action will be taken on these reports/updates. (Michael Sommers, President) 10 Minutes.

## **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT** (No Action)

At this time, public comment will be taken on those items that are within the jurisdiction and control of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors or those agenda items where public comment has not already been taken. (Michael Sommers, President)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- 15. For Possible Action.** Discussion and possible action to adjourn the East Fork Fire Protection District Board Meeting. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.

*THE TIMING FOR AGENDA ITEMS IS APPROXIMATE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED AS A TIME SPECIFIC ITEM. ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED AHEAD OF OR AFTER THE SCHEDULE INDICATED BY THIS AGENDA.*