

APPROVED

The Board Meeting of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in person and virtually, beginning at 1:00 PM.

East Fork Fire Protection District Board Present:

John Bellona, Director, District 1 (Online)
Barbara Griffin, Director, District 2
Bernard Curtis, Director, District 3
Nathan Leising, Secretary, District 4
Mike Sommers, President, District 5

Staff:

Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief
Larry Goss, Deputy Fire Chief/Business Operations
Amy Ray, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Michael Shockey, Deputy Fire Chief/Emergency Operations
Brad Driscoll, Division Chief/Risk Management/Safety
Anthony Seghieri, Executive Program Manager
Holly Megee, Director of Administrative Services
Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO
Mark Forsberg, District Legal Counsel
Jolene Polish, Board Clerk

Additional attendees that addressed the Board:

Adam Wennhold, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association Vice President
Justin Grimm, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association President
Jared Rossi, LP Insurance Services
Paul Azevedo, East Fork Fire Protection District Captain
Kurt Hildebrand, Record Courier
Doug Johnson, Douglas County Resident
Chris Lang, East Fork Volunteer Firefighters Association President

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Sommers

INITIAL MEETING BUSINESS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director John Bellona led the Pledge of Allegiance

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 will not be taken as a public hearing is not legally required.

Public Comment may be limited to three minutes per speaker, which will be decided by Board President or other presiding officers 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 act on, please make your comments when the item is considered and is open for public comment.

For members of the public not being 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.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

The Administrative Calendar handled as follows:

1. The Secretary 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. Once the Board has concluded their discussion, public comment will be allowed.
5. 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 act.

Agenda items listed as a "presentation" with no action listed, public comment is not legally required and must be made at the beginning of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the meeting agenda for June 16, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	Barbara Griffin
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the draft meeting minutes for the May 19, 2026, meeting of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors. (Michael Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the draft meeting minutes for the May 19, 2026, meeting of the East Fork Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Barbara Griffin
SECOND BY:	Nathan Leising
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

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.

3. 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 May 31, 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 May 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 May 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 May 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 April 2026 in the amount of \$333,101.56. (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 March 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)**

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the Consent Calendar Items A-F.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	Barbara Griffin
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

NEW BUSINESS

4. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the updated Battalion Chief job description. (Brad Driscoll, Division Chief) 15 Minutes.

Division Chief Brad Driscoll presented proposed updates to the Battalion Chief and Captain job descriptions. He explained the revisions are intended to align the job descriptions with the District's task books and create a more comprehensive career development path, making promotional requirements clearer for employees. The updates also revise certain training requirements from "required" to "additionally desired" to provide flexibility when courses are unavailable due to state scheduling or other unforeseen circumstances. In addition, the revisions recognize equivalent training as determined by the District Fire Chief, allowing the District to accommodate state course name changes without requiring future Board approval for minor administrative updates.

President Michael Sommers asked if the proposed revisions were intended to formalize the District's current practices while also anticipating future needs.

Division Chief Driscoll responded the revisions provide administrative flexibility, eliminating the need to return to the Board for minor updates or equivalent training changes.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the new updated Battalion Chief job description.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	Barbara Griffin
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

5. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the updated Captain job description. (Brad Driscoll, Division Chief) 15 Minutes.

Division Chief Brad Driscoll stated the proposed revisions are consistent with the previous item and incorporate the same changes and rationale discussed earlier.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the updated Captain job description

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Nathan Leising
SECOND BY:	John Bellona
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

6. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission and acceptance if awarded, of a Fiscal Year 2026 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application in the amount of \$212,448.65, with a required District match of \$19,313.51 (10%), for firefighter safety equipment, training, communications equipment, and a PPE washer/extractor, and to authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary grant application documents. (Larry Goss, Deputy Fire Chief and Brad Driscoll) 15 Minutes.

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss reported the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application period has reopened. Staff developed and submitted grant applications for projects aligned with FEMA's funding priorities, including 31 sets of turnout gear to support the District's upcoming replacement cycle, confined space awareness training, replacement of older radios with P25-capable communication equipment, and the purchase of a second PPE washer/extractor to accommodate increasing operational demands and decontamination needs following extended incidents.

Director Bernard Curtis asked if the grant had been awarded.

President Michael Sommers clarified the item was for authorization to submit the grant application.

Director Curtis confirmed the request pertained only to the application process and noted the District would be competing with other agencies for funding if awarded.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst explained the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a nationwide competitive program with millions of dollars available. He added the action item also authorizes the District to accept the grant if awarded, eliminating the need to return to the Board for acceptance.

Director Barbara Griffin expressed appreciation for staff pursuing the funding opportunity and commented on the importance of the grant.

President Sommers asked if the application requires an inventory of the equipment being requested.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss responded the application requires an inventory of existing PPE, including the number of turnout gear sets and their manufacture dates, to demonstrate the District's replacement needs. He noted the requested turnout gear aligns with the District's 2028 replacement schedule.

President Sommers asked if the grant allows funding for replacement of expired turnout gear.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss confirmed it does.

President Sommers also asked if training is an eligible expense under the grant.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss confirmed training is included as an eligible component.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to authorize the submission and acceptance if awarded, of a Fiscal Year 2026 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application in the amount of \$212,448.65, with a required District match of \$19,313.51 (10%), for firefighter safety equipment, training, communications equipment, and a PPE washer/extractor, and to authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary grant application documents.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Barbara Griffin
SECOND BY:	Bernard Curtis
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

7. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to determine that certain fire apparatus and vehicles owned by the District are no longer required for a public purpose, that disposal of the property is desirable and in the best interest of the District, and to approve disposal of the property in accordance with NRS 332.185. (Larry Goss, Deputy Chief Business Operations) 10 Minutes.

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss explained the proposed surplus equipment is part of the apparatus replacement plan approved by the Board last year, which

included the sale of excess apparatus and returned revenue to the vehicle replacement fund. The current list includes several utility vehicles, including one no longer mechanically serviceable, Nevada Division of Forestry vehicles that have not met operational needs, a ladder truck with maintenance costs disproportionate to its use, and a surplus Type 3 engine from the reserve fleet.

Director Barbara Griffin commented she believed Director Bernard Curtis had served on the Board when the ladder truck was originally purchased.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss explained the ladder truck was an excellent apparatus when acquired; however, it was purchased during a period of rapidly changing technology, and many of its systems are now outdated.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst added the manufacturer no longer readily produces replacement parts, making repairs increasingly difficult. He noted the apparatus has seen minimal use during his tenure, with most of its recent mileage consisting of trips to the repair shop.

Director Bernard Curtis asked if a ladder truck could be obtained through neighboring agencies if needed.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss stated neighboring agencies, including Carson City and Tahoe Douglas, maintain ladder trucks and provide regional mutual aid support when an aerial apparatus is needed.

Secretary Nathan Leising asked if the ladder truck would be sold through an auction or another method.

District Fire Chief Ernst explained the District plans to use a third-party broker rather than a public auction to better market the apparatus to fire service agencies.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss added the District has already received preliminary interest in the vehicle.

Director John Bellona asked if the District intends to replace the ladder truck with another aerial apparatus in the future.

District Fire Chief Ernst explained the District does not plan to replace the ladder truck. Instead, the long-term strategy is to transition to a squad/heavy rescue model by equipping existing vehicles to perform most truck company functions. He noted the District can meet most operational needs with ground ladders and existing apparatus, while aerial resources remain available through mutual aid agreements with neighboring agencies.

Director Bellona expressed support for the strategy, commenting the ladder truck's primary purpose was serving large commercial structures and that the

proposed approach is appropriate given the District's fire prevention efforts and available mutual aid resources.

Director Curtis asked if any data center developments are planned within the District.

Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Amy Ray reported an application for a data center in an existing building had recently been submitted but was withdrawn because it did not meet county zoning requirements.

Director Curtis suggested future data center developments could potentially contribute toward the cost of specialized fire protection equipment if warranted.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated the District continues to evaluate how new development affects service demands and works with developers to ensure adequate fire protection for both their facilities and the surrounding community.

President Sommers asked if the District is evaluating additional vehicles and equipment for future surplus disposition.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss explained staff continuously reviews fleet utilization and operational needs. He stated many older light-duty vehicles are underutilized and identified modernization of the light vehicle fleet as the remaining priority within the District's apparatus replacement plan. He noted the Type 1 engines, ambulance fleet, and Type 3 engines are in good condition through recent replacement and refurbishment efforts, allowing the current focus to shift to light-duty vehicles.

President Sommers sought clarification that the Board's action applied only to the five vehicles identified on the agenda.

Director Griffin asked District Legal Counsel Mark Forsberg if the agenda language limited the Board's action to those specific vehicles.

District Legal Counsel Forsberg confirmed the Board's action applies only to the five vehicles listed for approval under the agenda item.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to determine that the fire apparatus and vehicles identified on the attached surplus list are no longer required for a public purpose, that disposal of the property is desirable and in the best interest of the East Fork Fire

Protection District, and to approve the disposal of the property in accordance with NRS 332.185, including by sale at public auction, transfer, donation, or other lawful means as authorized by statute.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	John Bellona
SECOND BY:	Nathan Leising
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

8. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to purchase two (2) Chevrolet Colorado 4x4 pickup trucks to replace an aging staff vehicle and update the Fire Prevention fleet at a cost of \$38,300 and \$43,868.25, for a total expenditure of \$82,168.25, on or after July 1, 2026. (Larry Goss, Deputy Chief) 10 Minutes.

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss explained the two proposed vehicles would be assigned to the Fire Prevention Division. He noted current Prevention staff operate a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe and an older 1990s pickup. He stated the Tahoe, assigned to an investigator who also transports turnout gear, would be replaced to support a clean-cab approach similar to fire apparatus, moving PPE out of passenger compartments. He added the replacement vehicles would modernize the fleet, noting the current units have high mileage, faded striping, and deteriorating paint. He emphasized the intent is to ensure Fire Prevention staff have reliable, safe, and professional-looking vehicles when working in the community.

Director Barbara Griffin sought clarification the vehicles are already included in the approved budget.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst confirmed and explained the item was scheduled for action after July 1 to align with the new fiscal year and allow issuance of the purchase order upon approval.

President Michael Sommers asked if the replacement vehicles would be white.

District Fire Chief Ernst confirmed they would be white.

President Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Colorado 4x4 pickup trucks to replace an aging staff vehicle and update the Fire Prevention fleet at a cost of

\$38,300 and \$43,868.25, for a total expenditure of \$82,168.25, on or after July 1, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	Barbara Griffin
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

9. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Fork Fire Protection District ("East Fork") and the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association ("Non-Supervisory"), and to authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$445,496 in Year 1, \$458,861 in Year 2, and \$472,627 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$1,376,984 over the first three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditure by an average of 3.0% annually as a result of the negotiated terms. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 20 Minutes.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst presented the proposed 2026–2031 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for the East Fork Professional Firefighters General Association. He explained negotiations began on February 11, 2026, and concluded on March 26, 2026, with a tentative agreement reached after four negotiation sessions. He thanked the Association and Local leadership for their cooperation throughout the process and noted both parties dedicated significant time to preparation, proposals, and negotiations. Chief Ernst stated the initial negotiation sessions focused on reviewing the District's budget to establish a shared understanding of the District's financial condition, operational priorities, and the Association's interests. He added alternating meeting locations between the District office and the Association hall helped foster collaboration and trust.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated the proposed agreement complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 288.153), requiring approval at a public meeting and disclosure of the fiscal impact. He explained the contract structure was refined by adding and removing articles where appropriate, while formatting was completed internally. The agreement also contains several appendices referenced throughout the document.

District Fire Chief Ernst summarized the major provisions of the agreement, including:

- A five-year collective bargaining agreement with selected articles designated for future reopening.
- Three percent (3%) annual wage increases during the first three years.

- A Year 3 reopener to negotiate wages and other provisions for Years 4 and 5 due to uncertainty in future economic conditions.
- 34 articles remaining unchanged.
- 37 articles receiving negotiated revisions.
- Four appendices updated through negotiations.
- Funding for the agreement fully incorporated into the District's adopted FY 2026-27 budget.
- Continued support for positive labor relations, employee recruitment and retention, and maintaining a competitive workforce.

President Michael Sommers asked if the 71 changed articles would reduce the scope of future negotiations.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated is the intent, explaining the parties worked to resolve long-standing issues during this negotiation cycle while recognizing future negotiations could revisit provisions as necessary.

District Fire Chief Ernst reported the bargaining unit consists of 83 represented employees and outlined the estimated fiscal impact:

- FY 2026-27: \$445,496
- FY 2027-28: \$458,861
- FY 2028-29: \$472,627

for a three-year total of \$1,376,984. He noted the financial impact for Years 4 and 5 will be determined during the Year 3 reopener.

District Fire Ernst reviewed the contract articles designated for reopening, explaining the rationale for each:

- Article 8 (Nevada PERS): Reopens automatically if employer contribution rates change.
- Article 17 (Drug and Alcohol): Reopened to allow additional time to modernize the policy and address evolving legal and operational considerations.
- Article 20 (Wages): Reopened during Year 3 to negotiate compensation for Years 4 and 5.
- Articles 34 and 41 (Tuition Reimbursement and Professional Development Leave): Additional discussion is needed to restructure these benefits for both employees and the District.
- Article 48 (Employee Life and Health Insurance): Reopens if insurance rates increase by 20 percent or more.
- Article 68 (Lateral Transfers): Reopened to further develop language supporting lateral recruitment.
- Article 70 (Wildland Fuels): Reopened to expand language recognizing the District's growing Wildland Fuels program.

President Sommers asked if Articles 68 and 70 could instead be addressed through a Memorandum of Understanding rather than reopening the agreement.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated an MOU could be used if both parties agreed to that approach.

District Fire Chief Ernst highlighted several notable negotiated changes:

- Article 29 – Training and Safety Assignment
 - Updates the language to recognize the Administrative Captain position created during the District reorganization.
 - Incorporates provisions previously addressed through a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Article 37 – Sick Leave
 - Reduces the eligibility for sick leave payout upon separation from nine years of service to five years.
 - Allows annual cash-out of up to 72 hours for 56-hour employees and 40 hours for 40-hour employees at straight-time pay.
 - Explained the change benefits both employees and the District by reducing overtime costs associated with employees using accumulated sick leave before separation.
- Article 52 – Staffing
 - Revises minimum daily staffing from 21 to 20 to reflect the Administrative Captain restructuring.
 - Continues to recognize three Administrative Captain positions.
- Article 61 – Probationary Period
 - Adds language allowing probationary periods to be extended when employees demonstrate progress but require additional time to meet performance expectations.
 - Requires a formal performance improvement plan to accompany any extension.

Director Barbara Griffin asked if the probation extension included a maximum duration.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated the extension is limited to 90 days or 30 shifts and must include a documented performance improvement plan to provide accountability and clear expectations for both the employee and the District.

District Fire Chief Ernst continued reviewing additional changes:

- Article 63 – Long-Term Acting Assignments
 - Eliminates temporary promotions and replaces them with long-term acting assignments.
 - Explained the change provides greater flexibility, allows multiple employees to gain supervisory experience during extended vacancies, and strengthens succession planning.
- Article 67 – Flight Paramedic

- Incorporates language recognizing the District's partnership supporting the Air 12 Flight Paramedic program.
- Replaces previous Station Habitability language.

Director Griffin asked if the agreement limits the number of Flight Paramedics assigned to the program.

District Fire Chief Ernst explained the District currently staffs three Flight Paramedics with at least one trained relief member when possible. He confirmed the agreement does not limit future participation and stated the program will continue as long as it remains financially supported.

Director Griffin commented the Flight Paramedic partnership is an excellent benefit for the District and expressed appreciation for its continued inclusion in the agreement.

District Fire Chief Ernst also explained several provisions are being moved from the Collective Bargaining Agreement into Meet and Confer policies, including:

- Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- Corrective and Disciplinary Process.
- Employee Development and Performance Program.

He stated the changes maintain employee participation in policy development while allowing administrative updates without requiring formal contract amendments.

District Fire Chief Ernst concluded by recommending the Board approve the 2026–2031 Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

Director Griffin commented the collective bargaining process has changed significantly during her tenure on the Board, evolving from a more contentious process into one characterized by collaboration and mutual respect. She expressed appreciation for the progress made by both labor and management and stated the proposed agreement reflects those positive improvements.

President Sommers remarked the agreement provides stability for the District over the next several years while allowing future Boards the opportunity to address economic conditions through the scheduled reopeners.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

Adam Wennhold, Vice President, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association, speaking on behalf of Justin Grimm, President, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association, the negotiations team, the Executive Board, and the Association membership, thanked District Fire Chief Ernst for a collaborative and transparent bargaining process. He stated the agreement

establishes a strong foundation for the next five years and expressed confidence that using targeted reopeners for specific articles will make future negotiations more efficient than renegotiating the entire agreement. Vice President Wennhold also thanked Battalion Chief Matt Hill, the Association's lead negotiator, for his leadership throughout the process.

President Michael Sommers asked how the negotiations process was received by the Association membership.

Justin Grimm, President, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association, responded the negotiations were well received.

President Sommers asked if the membership was satisfied with the agreement.

Vice President Wennhold stated the agreement was successfully ratified by the membership.

Secretary Nathan Leising stated he appreciated the emphasis on long-term employee benefits in addition to wage increases, noting the importance of retirement and healthcare benefits over the course of an employee's career.

Vice President Wennhold acknowledged the increasing costs faced by both employees and the District and expressed his commitment to continuing collaborative discussions regarding future benefit considerations.

President Sommers thanked the Association for its partnership and contributions toward the District's continued growth and success.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Fork Fire Protection District ("East Fork") and the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association ("Non-Supervisory"), and to authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$445,496 in Year 1, \$458,861 in Year 2, and \$472,627 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$1,376,984 over the first three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditures by an average of 3.0% annually as a result of the negotiated terms.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	Barbara Griffin
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

10. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Fork Fire Protection District ("East Fork") and the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association ("Supervisory") and to authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$29,827 in Year 1, \$30,722 in Year 2, and \$31,643 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$92,192 over the first three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditure by an average of 3.0% annually as a result of the negotiated terms. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 20 Minutes.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst explained the Battalion Chiefs are represented by a separate bargaining unit with its own collective bargaining agreement. He stated negotiations for both bargaining units were conducted concurrently, which streamlined the process and promoted consistency between the agreements. He noted the Battalion Chief agreement includes the same 3% annual wage increases for the first three years, with nearly all provisions remaining consistent with the "non-supervisory" agreement. He added the few differences are identified in the Board packet.

Director Barbara Griffin thanked District Fire Chief Ernst for his work on the agreement and commented she appreciated the streamlined format and the more efficient negotiation process.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

Adam Wennhold, Vice President, East Fork Professional Firefighters Association, noted the bargaining unit represented under this agreement consists of only three members.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Fork Fire Protection District ("East Fork") and the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association ("Supervisory") and to authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$29,827 in Year 1, \$30,722 in Year 2, and \$31,643 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$92,192 over the first three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditure by an average of 3.0% annually as a result of the negotiated terms.

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MOTION BY:	Bernard Curtis
SECOND BY:	John Bellona
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

11. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan consistent with the terms of the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreements and authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreements and any related administrative documents on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$113,609 in Year 1, \$117,017 in Year 2, and \$120,528 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$351,154 over the first three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditure by an average of 3.0% annually. (Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief) 20 Minutes.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst presented the proposed wage adjustment for unrepresented employees. He thanked the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association for recognizing the Board's longstanding "me too" approach, which extends negotiated wage increases to unrepresented personnel. He explained this practice helps maintain internal pay equity, avoids compensation compression, and supports positive labor relations. Chief Ernst noted the negotiated fiscal impact had already been incorporated into the adopted budget. He stated the item simply applies the approved wage increases to the District's unrepresented employees.

Director Barbara Griffin expressed support for extending the negotiated wage increases to unrepresented employees. She stated the District functions as one team and maintaining consistency among employee groups promotes unity and positive working relationships. She added she was pleased with the collaborative approach and the progress made.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan consistent with the terms of the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreements and authorize the District Fire Chief to execute the agreements and any related administrative documents on behalf of the District. The estimated fiscal impact of the agreement is approximately \$113,609 in Year 1, \$117,017 in Year 2, and \$120,528 in Year 3, for a cumulative estimated cost of \$351,154 over the first

three years of the five-year agreement. The agreement is projected to increase labor-related expenditure by an average of 3.0% annually.

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MOTION BY:	Barbara Griffin
SECOND BY:	Nathan Leising
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

12. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action on the adoption of Resolution 2026R-003, which establishes incident reimbursement, restitution, equipment, vehicle and EMS event standby agreement, and medical billing rate schedule for the East Fork Fire Protection District effective July 1, 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO)15 Minutes.

Director of Finance/CFO Julie Andress presented the resolution establishing the District's updated reimbursement rate schedule. She explained the schedule provides standardized rates for incident cost recovery, restitution, personnel, equipment, and EMS medical billing. Ms. Andress stated the updates ensure consistent application of reimbursement rates across the District. She noted personnel rates reflect the recently approved 3% wage increase, equipment and vehicle rates were adjusted using the Western Region Consumer Price Index of 3.5%, and EMS medical billing rates were updated using the 3.4% Western Region Consumer Price Index.

Secretary Nathan Leising asked if the adopted rates would be used to recover costs from responsible parties for incidents such as illegal burns.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst confirmed the District is currently using the reimbursement schedule for restitution and reported staff had issued three cost recovery bills during the previous month. He explained the process includes issuing a stop order at the scene, documenting personnel and equipment utilized, and billing the responsible party for the District's response costs.

President Michael Sommers asked about the "Air/Light Unit" listed in the equipment schedule.

Director of Finance/CFO Andress explained the entry was included for future equipment acquisitions.

President Sommers asked if the listing included Air 12.

District Fire Chief Ernst clarified the Air/Light Unit refers to a mobile air compressor and lighting apparatus used to refill SCBA cylinders and provide scene lighting, not the Air 12 helicopter.

President Sommers asked if helicopter response costs would be billed through the District once Air 12 becomes operational.

District Fire Chief Ernst explained helicopter billing will be handled independently by the helicopter provider. He added the provider has committed not to charge the District for its use, although it may seek reimbursement directly through eligible state or federal incidents when applicable.

President Sommers acknowledged the helicopter provider would establish its own billing rates independent of the District.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the Resolution 2026R-003, which establishes an incident reimbursement, restitution, equipment, vehicle and EMS event standby agreement, and medical billing rate schedule for the East Fork Fire Protection District effective July 1, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	John Bellona
SECOND BY:	Nathan Leising
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

President Michael Sommers asked about the duration of the established billing rates, specifically if they are set on an annual basis.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst stated the rates are typically reviewed and adjusted annually to account for inflation and other cost factors.

13. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to approve the District's annual Workers' Compensation Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 as proposed by 7710 Insurance. The District budgeted an annual premium cost of \$1,211,256, with the understanding that the final premium may increase by up to 10% based on underwriting and market conditions. Approval would also authorize the District Fire Chief to execute all related insurance documents on behalf of the District upon receipt. (Brad Driscoll, Division Chief) 15 Minutes.

Division Chief Brad Driscoll presented the renewal of the District's workers' compensation program and introduced broker Jared Rossi with LP Insurance Services to provide an update and answer questions.

President Michael Sommers welcomed Mr. Rossi.

Jared Rossi, LP Insurance Services, reported on the workers' compensation renewal effective July 1, 2026. He explained the current carrier, 7710, initially issued a non-renewal notice for all fire districts nationwide but later rescinded the action after the state of Nevada intervened, requiring reinstatement of coverage. He noted the carrier only resumed work on the renewal process in early June following reinstatement.

Mr. Rossi stated the final premium has not yet been calculated. He reported the District's payroll basis for the renewal is approximately \$2.885 million and indicated the final rate will be based on the District's experience modification factor. He added the Division of Insurance has advised there should not be significant rate increases.

President Sommers asked about the timeline for final premium issuance.

Mr. Rossi responded the carrier has approximately 14 days remaining to finalize and issue the premium.

President Sommers asked what occurs if the carrier does not meet the deadline.

Mr. Rossi stated the carrier is required to comply under direction of the Division of Insurance and has already acknowledged reinstatement; he indicated the premium will be issued.

Director Barbara Griffin asked if the District should be concerned about coverage stability given the carrier's intent to exit the market.

Division Chief Driscoll responded the carrier remains obligated to provide coverage and services, though he noted operational concern due to staffing reductions after the carrier initially attempted to exit the fire program and is now rehiring personnel. He stated service delivery is required, though internal staffing structure is managed by the carrier.

Director of Administrative Services Holly Megee noted the District continues to work closely with its third-party administrator, Benchmark, on a near-daily basis. Ms. Megee expressed confidence in continued service stability. She also referenced the District's positive ongoing relationship with Ready Rebound as part of its return-to-work and recovery program support.

Director Griffin expressed concern regarding the carrier's withdrawal and noted prior positive experiences with the program and service partners.

Director of Administrative Services Megee confirmed Ready Rebound remains active and continues to work directly with the District, and the District would maintain that relationship even if the carrier structure changes.

President Sommers summarized the structure of the program, confirming 7710 serves as the program manager, Benchmark functions as the third-party administrator, and Ready Rebound operates as a separate but related rehabilitation service provider. He confirmed responsibility for coverage remains with the program structure regardless of internal contracting relationships.

Jared Rossi confirmed the structure described was accurate and explained Benchmark remains financially stable. He reiterated 7710 made a business decision to withdraw from the fire insurance class at a national level, while coverage administration and claims handling remain in place.

President Michael Sommers requested staff notify the Board once the final premium from 7710 is received.

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed.

MOTION to approve the District's annual Workers' Compensation Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 as proposed by 7710 Insurance. The District budgeted an annual premium cost of \$1,211,256, with the understanding that the final premium may increase by up to 10% based on underwriting and market conditions. Approval would also authorize the District Fire Chief to execute all related insurance documents on behalf of the District upon receipt.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Barbara Griffin
SECOND BY:	Bernard Curtis
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

14. For Presentation Only. Budget Summary for month ending May 2026. (Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO) 5 Minutes.

Director of Finance/CFO Julie Andress presented the monthly financial report through May 31, 2026, and provided the following update:

- 91% of the fiscal year has elapsed.
- Revenues are at 75% of budget.
- Expenditures are at 76% of budget, indicating revenues and expenditures remain closely aligned.
- Ad valorem tax revenues have been received through April.
- Consolidated tax revenues have been received through March.
- The District is still waiting the GEMT cost report reimbursement, which is taking longer than anticipated.
- Staff continues to monitor year-end financial projections and will work with District Fire Chief Alan Ernst to evaluate expected year-end results as additional revenues are received.

President Michael Sommers asked if staff expects to have a clearer picture of the District's fiscal year-end financial position by mid-August.

Director of Finance/CFO Andress responded affirmatively, explaining the District has a 60-day period after June 30 to finalize financial activity before working with the auditors on the annual financial report. She stated staff expects to have a more complete picture of the District's year-end financial position once all remaining revenues and expenditures have been recorded.

15. 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.

No report.

16. 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.

Due to technical difficulty this report was given during the next item.

17. 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.

Holly Megee, Director of Administrative Services noted:

- Recruitment for Volunteer Apparatus Operators remains open as a continuous recruitment to support the District's volunteer program.

- Recruitment for the Deputy Fire Chief position is currently underway and scheduled to close on June 28, 2026.
- As of the meeting, nine candidates had begun the application process for the Deputy Fire Chief position.
- Recruitment for an Office Specialist I position will be posted during the week to fill a vacancy created by Office Specialist Shelby Stanton leaving the District.

Director Barbara Griffin expressed disappointment over Shelby's departure and commended her for her outstanding work and dedication to the District. She stated Shelby had done an excellent job and would be missed.

Julie Andress, Director of Finance/CFO noted:

- The District received its FY 2026–2027 budget compliance letter from the Nevada Department of Taxation. She stated the letter confirms the District's budget submission met all required compliance standards and expressed appreciation that the budget review was completed without issues.

Anthony Seghieri, Executive Program Manager noted:

- The District's Wildland and Fuels Crew programs are fully staffed and prepared for the 2026 fire season.
- Personnel not assigned to wildfire incidents are actively working on fuels reduction projects.
- The past month focused primarily on pre-season training and academy participation.
- Wildland and Fuels Crew personnel participated in four training academies:
 - Rookie Firefighter Academy
 - Engine Operator Academy
 - Tree Falling Academy
 - Natural Resources Academy
- All seasonal employees completed the Rookie Firefighter Academy.
- Full-time personnel participated in the Engine Operator, Tree Falling, and Natural Resources academies.
- The training was well received, and participants successfully completed their coursework.
- The Genoa Hand Crew is fully staffed and operational.
 - The crew is currently assigned to the Segal Fire.
 - The crew has completed two off-district assignments.
 - Due to a regional shortage of hand crews throughout the Great Basin, the crew continues to receive regular assignments.
- The Wildland and Fuels Crew programs continue to operate under available disaster funding.
- The Genoa Grant has been extended through September 2026, with approximately \$70,000 remaining.

- Work has begun under the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) subaward, with approximately \$23,000 available for reimbursement as work is completed.
- The Clear Creek pre-contract was executed in the amount of \$52,312.
- Staff plans to coordinate a field tour for Board members to visit an active fuels reduction project and observe the progress made through the District's Wildland Fuels program.

Director Barbara Griffin asked if the Wildland and Fuels Crew programs have been fully staffed.

Executive Program Manager Seghieri confirmed all positions have been filled, including:

- Eight seasonal fuels crew members are assigned to the Genoa Hand Crew.
- Two full-time personnel assigned to the Fuels Crew.
- A full-time Engine Boss scheduled to begin on July 1, bringing both wildland engine crews to full staffing.

Director Griffin commented the program has been a tremendous success.

Executive Program Manager Seghieri agreed and stated the program continues to perform well and remains in a strong operational position.

Brad Driscoll, Division Chief/Risk Management/Safety noted:

- The District had one work-related injury requiring medical treatment and resulting in lost time.
- Two additional injury reports were documented that did not require treatment.
- Zero reported vehicle accidents during the reporting period.
- June's safety topic is on hot weather preparedness to help personnel prepare for increasing temperatures and wildland fire assignments.
- Captain Repan partnered with the U.S. Forest Service and Carson City Fire Department to assist with training new U.S. Forest Service firefighters, including first-time turnout gear orientation.
- Members of the Training Division, including Captain Repan and Division Chief Driscoll, provided instruction during the joint training.
- District personnel also had the opportunity to serve as instructors, allowing newer firefighters to gain experience teaching and mentoring other firefighters.
- The Fuels Division, led by Executive Program Manager Anthony Seghieri, coordinated a large-area regional wildland response exercise on June 3. The exercise included regional partner agencies and focused on incident command, coordination, and field operations for large-scale wildland fire response.
- He thanked the Training and Fuels Divisions for their efforts in supporting these training opportunities and regional partnerships.

Larry Goss, Deputy Fire Chief/Business Operations noted:

- The District has taken delivery of the two staff vehicles approved by the Board at the May meeting.
- The vehicles will be sent for emergency equipment upfitting following the start of the new fiscal year.
- The newly remounted ambulance has been placed into service.
- The District's fleet continues to improve as modernization efforts move forward and equipment is prepared for service.

Deputy Fire Chief Goss thanked the Board and District staff for their support throughout his tenure. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the District and reflected positively on his experience as he prepares for retirement.

President Michael Sommers thanked Deputy Fire Chief Goss for his dedicated service to the District and expressed appreciation for his many contributions throughout his career.

Amy Ray, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal noted:

- The District newsletter has been redesigned to include:
 - Fire Prevention activity and plan review statistics.
 - Seasonal public safety messages.
 - Wildland fire preparedness information.
 - Grilling and outdoor fire safety reminders.
 - Future newsletters will continue to include public safety messaging and will be shared through additional public outreach efforts.
- The Buckeye Farms development remains under plan review and includes:
 - Approximately 531 residential units.
 - Single-family residences and commercial development within a village center.
 - The project is actively under review, although no construction timeline has been established.

Director Bernard Curtis asked if there was litigation involving the Buckeye Farms development.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray responded she was not aware of any litigation and explained her role is limited to reviewing plans and providing comments during the development review process.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray noted another project currently under review:

- Cloud Nine Development near Foothill Road and Centerville Lane, consisting of:
 - Nine large residential lots.

- Lot sizes ranging from three to five acres, with one parcel anticipated to be subdivided into two-acre lots.
- Fire hydrants throughout the development.
- Residential fire sprinkler systems planned for most homes due to their size.
- Multiple meetings already held with the developer.
- Two points of vehicle access from Centerville Lane and Foothill Road.

Secretary Nathan Leising asked if the project is located across from the Sheridan subdivision.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray confirmed the location and reiterated the planned fire protection features.

Director Barbara Griffin asked about the size of the residential lots.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray stated the lots range from three to five acres, with one parcel expected to be divided into two-acre lots.

President Michael Sommers asked how many lots are included in the development.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray stated the project consists of nine residential lots.

President Sommers asked if the development would be gated.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray stated she was not aware of any plans for a gated community but confirmed there will be two access points into the subdivision.

Director Griffin asked if there is a single developer for the project.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray explained the property owner intends to develop the lots primarily for family members, with the possibility of future expansion onto the adjacent parcel.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray attended the Silver State Women in Fire (SSWIF) event with three District staff members and District apparatus:

- The event included participation from eight fire service organizations.
- Twenty-eight participants attended.
- Training stations included:
 - Rooftop ventilation.
 - Chainsaw operations.
 - Forcible entry.
 - Confined space operations.
 - Water supply and ladder operations.
 - Vehicle extrication using nine donated vehicles.

- Three \$250 educational scholarships were awarded to participants pursuing fire service or EMS education.
- The event was funded primarily through donations, including a \$10,000 contribution from Switch, along with support from regional fire chiefs' associations.
- Deputy Fire Chief Ray expressed appreciation for the support received from neighboring agencies and District leadership.

President Sommers asked if Deputy Fire Chief Ray participated in the vehicle extrication training.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray stated she observed the training but did not personally operate the extrication equipment.

President Sommers thanked Deputy Fire Chief Ray, her staff, and District Fire Chief Alan Ernst for their efforts in working with Douglas County to adopt the District's updated fire codes.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray acknowledged the recognition and added the adoption process was completed successfully.

Director Curtis asked if the code adoption process had been contentious.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray stated the process was straightforward, requiring only a brief presentation before receiving approval.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst commented that the successful outcome reflected the benefits of open communication and collaboration.

President Sommers expressed hope the updated codes will support safe and efficient future development throughout the District.

Secretary Leising commented the Buckeye Farms development may present opportunities for future discussions with the developer regarding fire protection needs associated with approximately 500 new residential units.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated the District will evaluate those impacts through its development impact study process.

Director Griffin asked about the status of Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray reported the business is nearing completion and expected to open soon. She also noted Captain Patrick Mooneyhan is recovering from shoulder surgery, requiring Fire Prevention staff to temporarily assume additional inspection and plan review responsibilities.

President Michael Sommers asked about the size of the new lumber yard development near Johnson Lane.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray reported:

- The largest planned building is approximately 140,000 square feet.
- Two buildings have been approved.
- Two additional buildings remain under review.

Michael Shockey, Deputy Chief of Emergency Operations noted:

- Fire activity is increasing across the region as fire season progresses.
- During the Board meeting, the on-duty Battalion Chief was coordinating the deployment of two District resources for pre-positioning in the Northern Operations area:
 - One resource from the Fuels Division.
 - One resource from Emergency Operations.
- Lightning activity over the previous weekend resulted in several fire starts.
- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducted an aerial reconnaissance of the Pine Nut Mountains following the lightning event.
- The Siegel Fire, located on the Smith Valley side of the mountain, had grown to approximately 52 acres and was 75% contained as of that morning. Fire crews anticipated achieving 100% containment by the end of the day.

Director Bernard Curtis expressed gratitude the fire had been kept out of his district.

Deputy Fire Chief Shockey stated it had.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst noted additional lightning activity was forecast later in the week.

Deputy Fire Chief Shockey acknowledged additional lightning was possible on Thursday.

President Michael Sommers requested an update on the status of Air 12.

Deputy Fire Chief Shockey stated:

- The District has completed the primary administrative requirement within its control by obtaining the required BLM Cooperative Agreement needed for the inspection process.
- Remaining steps depend on scheduling and approvals from outside agencies.
- Because several portions of the certification process remain outside the District's control, he was not comfortable providing an estimated operational date.

District Fire Chief Ernst added:

- A new helicopter has been acquired specifically for the Air 12 program and will be stationed at Station 12.
- Pilot training is scheduled for the following week.
- Training operations will include water dipping exercises at Topaz Lake and the use of the pumpkin, with assistance from District volunteers.
- The federal carding and certification process remains underway and could require approximately 30 to 90 days to complete.
- The District and its federal partners remain committed to placing Air 12 into service as quickly as possible.

President Sommers commented he hopes the helicopter becomes operational as soon as possible.

Director Barbara Griffin asked if call volume has increased, noting recent activity appears especially busy.

Deputy Fire Chief Shockey responded monthly call volume remains relatively consistent at approximately 600 calls per month, although wildfire-related incidents have begun increasing with the start of fire season.

District Fire Chief Ernst added the District has recently responded to several significant incidents, contributing to the increased operational activity. He highlighted a recent serious burn injury in which the helicopter transported a patient directly from a local restaurant to UC Davis for specialized treatment, demonstrating the value of advanced air medical resources available to the community.

Director Griffin thanked District Fire Chief Ernst for providing regular operational updates, stating the information helps Board members respond to questions from the public and remain informed about District activities.

Chris Lang, East Fork Volunteer Firefighters Association President gave his report at this time for Item 16 and noted:

- Volunteers participated in four community events during the past month, representing both the District and the Volunteer Firefighters Association, including:
 - The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Open House.
 - Two days at the Kids Fishing Derby.
 - Carson Valley Days.
- Volunteers responded to five fire incidents during the reporting period, including:
 - The Jobs Peak structure fire.
 - The East Fork Transfer Station (dump) fire.
- Volunteers will assist with Air 12 training by helping establish a water dip site at Pumpkin Hollow for helicopter operations.
- Upcoming volunteer activities include:

- Station 3 Fourth of July Barbecue.
- Station 8 Community Event on August 15.
- Station 9 Community Event planned for September.
- Assisting the East Fork Ember Foundation with the Mud Run on September 12.
- Supporting the Airport SkyFest scheduled for October.

Bernard Curtis, Director noted:

- Wally Adams, former Genoa Fire Department Fire Chief, passed away on June 10.
- Former Fire Chief Adams also served for many years as a Nevada State Brand Inspector before his retirement.
- Funeral services are scheduled for Friday.

Director Curtis invited anyone interested in attending the services to contact him after the meeting for additional details.

Barbara Griffin, Director noted:

- She was pleased to return from vacation and appreciated the opportunity to be back with the Board and District staff.

Director Griffin encouraged everyone to remain after the meeting to enjoy cake in recognition of several occasions, including:

- Director Bernard Curtis's recent birthday.
- Secretary Nathan Leising's upcoming birthday.
- District Fire Chief Alan Ernst's recent birthday.
- Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss's upcoming retirement and years of dedicated service to the District.

She thanked Deputy Fire Chief Goss for his many years of service and contributions to the District.

Nathan Leising, Secretary noted:

- Expressed appreciation for the operational updates provided by District staff. He commented the reports provide valuable insight into District activities and noted he also follows incidents through PulsePoint but appreciates receiving updates directly from staff.

John Bellona, Director noted:

- No report.

Mark Forsberg, Legal Counsel noted:

- No report.

Alan Ernst, District Fire Chief noted:

- Commended District staff, labor representatives, and the Board for their collaborative efforts in completing the FY 2026-2027 budget and

collective bargaining negotiations before the start of the wildland fire season.

- Recognized Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss for attending his final Board meeting prior to retirement and stated he will be formally recognized and celebrated at the following month's meeting.
- Announced the District newsletter has been redesigned with assistance from administrative staff to improve communication with both employees and the public.
- Reported the newsletter is now posted on the District website and distributed to District retirees whenever contact information is available to help keep them informed of District activities.
- Invited Board members to provide suggestions for future newsletter improvements, noting the publication is intended to remain a useful and evolving communication tool.

Director Barbara Griffin asked if Board members would also receive the updated newsletter.

District Fire Chief Ernst confirmed Board members will receive the newsletter.

President Michael Sommers asked if the District tracks website traffic for the newsletter.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated the information is available and staff can provide website usage statistics in the future.

District Fire Chief Ernst invited EMS Captain Paul Azevedo to provide an update regarding a recently awarded grant.

EMS Captain Paul Azevedo reported:

- With assistance from Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss, the District applied for a rural Nevada training grant.
- The District was notified the previous day the application was successful.
- The grant will provide \$33,000 in funding:
- \$11,000 for each of three paramedic students during the upcoming year.
- The grant program is expected to continue through 2029, allowing the District to seek additional funding for future students.
- Five to six additional employees are anticipated to enter paramedic school over the next three years.
- Grant funding will supplement the District's training budget, allowing additional training opportunities beyond paramedic education.
- East Fork Fire hires employees at the EMT level, with completion of paramedic school required within 48 months, making the grant a significant long-term financial benefit.

Director Barbara Griffin acknowledged how the District has made substantial progress in supporting paramedic education, noting employees previously paid

those educational expenses themselves. She congratulated staff on securing the grant.

EMS Captain Paul Azevedo added the District and the East Fork Professional Firefighters Association have worked together to improve the process for employees attending paramedic school, including compensation, scheduling, and training leave, resulting in a more effective program.

President Michael Sommers asked if flight paramedics receive additional specialized certification.

District Fire Chief Alan Ernst explained:

- Flight paramedics complete critical care certification through the District's partnership with Battle Born.
- The advanced training enhances employees' skills while serving on engines and rescue apparatus.

President Sommers thanked District staff for their continued efforts to enhance emergency medical services and protect the community.

Secretary Nathan Leising asked if employees who previously completed flight paramedic training retain their certification and if it requires renewal.

District Fire Chief Ernst stated former flight paramedics may remain qualified to fill in when needed, depending on certification status.

EMS Captain Azevedo explained certification renewal requirements vary by credential, with some requiring annual renewal and others following different renewal cycles through continuing education.

District Fire Chief Ernst update on the District's fuels program noting:

- The District recently executed a contract with Clear Creek to assign one wildland engine to fuels reduction projects throughout the summer.
- The District retains full operational control of the engine and may reassign it to emergency incidents whenever needed.
- The agreement allows the District to bill a daily rate for work performed on the project.
- Encouraged Board members to participate in a future field tour of active fuels reduction projects.
- Reported he and Deputy Fire Chief Shockey recently visited the Sierra Country Estates project and were impressed with the progress.
- Credited the District's partnership with the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) for expanding available resources and increasing the effectiveness of fuels reduction work throughout the District.

Executive Program Manager Seghieri added multiple NDF resources, including engines, an inmate crew, and the Genoa Hand Crew, are assigned to District projects, providing significant support.

Michael Sommers, President noted:

- No report.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

President Michael Sommers opened public comment.

Kurt Hildebrand, Record Courier, provided public comment noting the upcoming 30-year anniversary of the Autumn Hills Fire, which occurred in late June or early July, and the five-year anniversary of the Tamarack Fire. Mr. Hildebrand stated he would verify the exact date of the Autumn Hills Fire anniversary.

Doug Johnson, Douglas County Resident provided public comment regarding his involvement with the Carson Water Sub-Conservancy District. Mr. Johnson reported the five-county Board, which includes Alpine County, is planning a tour of Smelter Creek next month. He noted the tour will help raise awareness and support potential grant funding opportunities for needed projects. Mr. Johnson also shared he recently realized he has served on the Board for 15 years and commented on how quickly time has passed.

President Michael Sommers commented on the importance of reflecting on past events and using those experiences as opportunities to learn, grow, and improve District services, particularly in the area of prevention.

Deputy Fire Chief Amy Ray added she is currently working with a property owner who is proposing the construction of a one-million-gallon water tank, helicopter water tank (helitank), and helipad on the mountain behind Autumn Hills. The proposal also includes extending water lines and installing hydrants to provide additional fire protection resources for the area.

President Sommers asked which mountain the project would be located on.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray clarified the location is behind Autumn Hills.

President Sommers asked if the project would proceed through the District's standard permitting review process.

Deputy Fire Chief Ray confirmed the project would go through the full County review process, including engineering, building, and District fire prevention review.

Public comment closed.

ADJOURNMENT

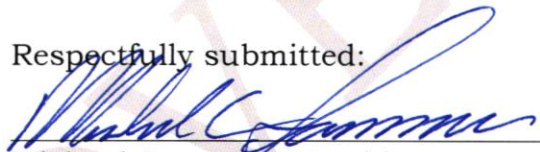
18. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible action to adjourn the East Fork Fire Protection District Board Meeting. (Micheal Sommers, President) 5 Minutes.

MOTION to adjourn the East Fork Fire Protection District Board Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOTION BY:	Barbara Griffin
SECOND BY:	John Bellona
AYES:	Bellona, Curtis, Griffin, Leising, Sommers
NAYS :	
ABSENT:	

There being no further business to come before the Board, 2:41PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Michael Sommers, President
East Fork Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Jolene Polish, Clerk to the Board
East Fork Fire Protection District