Platte Canyon Fire Protection District
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the District Board of Directors
July 14th, 2026 - Station 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Glenn Pence, John Linnehan, Bob Mack, John Gleason, and Brian Marshall are in attendance.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Glenn Pence. A quorum was present, consisting of Vice President John Linnehan, Treasurer Bob Mack, Director John Gleason, and Secretary Brian Marshall. Also present were Chief Ben Mulligan, Asst Chief Jared Black, Asst Chief Jim Moon, Finance Manager Heather Vonarx, Administrator Sommer Eichelberger, Capt. Ben Dunning, FF Sean Bell, and FF Ernie Walker.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Introduction of Guests: None

2. Reading of the Minutes and Approval of the June 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Bob Mack motioned to approve the minutes, Brian Marshall seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

3. Approval of the Agenda: Chief Mulligan requested we remove "Resolution - Amended Bylaws for Regular PCFPD Board" under New Business (7a). Bob Mack motioned to approve the agenda as modified, Brian Marshall seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

4. Communications: None

5. Finance Manager's Report:

a.) Financials and Payment of Bills: Heather Vonarx presented the financials for June. We received our second property tax infusion on 7/10. We are halfway to our Enterprise revenue goal. We are on track to exceed our budget for Vehicle repairs/maintenance and Radio repairs/maintenance. We had to replace numerous radios. The annual contribution to the VPF was made and was 10k less than last year. There were no withdrawals made from the ColoTrust fund this month. The larger checks cut this month were:

- Dr. Beckman: $4,800; Medical Director
- Mammoth Mitigation: $30k; this will be reimbursed by one of Shelby's grants.
- Red Dog: $29k; this is for the Comms project
- U.S. Bank: $116k; this was due to Enterprise expenditures/meals

Bob Mack motioned to pay the bills, John Linnehan seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

b.) AMB Report: Asst. Chief Black presented the AMB report for June 2026. We had $68,715 in Charges, ($14,487) in Contractual Adjustments, $54,228 in Net Charges, and $50,150 in Adjusted Charges. We received ($23,864) in Total Payments. We had 24 claims filed and 32 runs for the month.

6. Unfinished Business:

a.) Radio Install Update: The install should take place in approximately 2 weeks. Milan is in the process of packaging everything for the installation. He is trying to get three different quotes on hiring a helicopter company that specializes in transporting equipment. It could be 10k-20k total to hire this out. DFPC is unable to help due to fire season being in full force. Due to the expense of the equipment and the time it would take to replace the equipment if it gets damaged, it is a good idea to hire someone that specializes in this area. Brian is waiting for CORE to get back to him on the site agreement. Bob Mack made a motion to approve up to $22k to air lift equipment to Mt. Bailey. Brian Marshall seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

7. New Business:

a.) Station 1 - Electrical Needs: Station 1 currently has three major electrical needs: updating/combining service panels, installing a generator, and updating the electrical throughout the station. The generator will be a whole-house generator. Station 1 provides all internet access to the Mt. Bailey tower, so generator backup is crucial. John Linnehan motioned for Narrow Path Electric to do the electrical work for Station 1 in an amount not to exceed $50k. Brian Marshall seconded the motion; the motion passed.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Chief's Report: Chief Mulligan presented the Chief's Report. There were 55 EMS calls, 7 MVAs, 18 fire or other hazardous conditions, and 42 other calls for a total of 123 calls. We provided mutual aid 16 times and only requested it six times. Average incident times continue to be good with 1.50 minutes en route, 10.15 minutes response to the scene, and 38.17 minutes on scene.

The Geneva fire was human-caused. It was a campfire near a campground that didn't get put out. It could have turned into a big fire, but we had several crews respond quickly. We were able to get two helicopters to dump on the fire. The Feds took over pretty quickly, but our crew went back out the next day to assess the situation. The Feds ordered us for a RO for about four days.

Lt. Mike Reese's last day was 7/8/26. Ernie will be retiring later in the year. We plan to have a retirement party for them in December, possibly at Deer Creek Camp.

We have not heard from the Reids regarding Station 3.

The demo and plumbing will start at Station 2 on 8/3.

We have two people in P-school; Capt. Kevin Cashman and FF Joseph Little. We will have two vacancies to fill in 2027. Joseph will be a candidate for one of the positions.

Zach Wesseldine put in for a $1 mil grant for a new station. It made it past the first approval stage and will now go through Congress. This grant allows a five-year window to perform the work.

Enterprise Update: A Type 6 is on the Pike and includes Justin Davis, Garrick Frew, and a seasonal. Engine 23 was extended for an extra week. We will try to get Type 3 out when Engine 23 gets back.

Antonio Ferradino was promoted to Lieutenant and has been working on C shift since June 30th and is doing a great job.

Tumbling River Ranch has mentioned a few times they would like to see improvements made to Station 3. They could be a potential donor in the future. We could look at staffing Station 3 to have crews in the west part of our district.

Stride Medical struggled with community outreach in the past, but they are trying to give it another go. This will hopefully give the shifts some relief. Stride Medical will take Medicare/Medicaid and insurance, and they won't turn patients down. Chief has a meeting tomorrow with one of the Stride representatives.

Adjourn: John Gleason motioned to adjourn the meeting; Brian Marshall seconded; meeting adjourned at 19:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Marshall
Secretary