SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DE BEQUE FIRE STATION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:
Pursuant to notice, the regular board meeting of the De Beque Fire Protection District (DFPD) was called to order by Board President Tanner at 6:08 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025.

OPEN WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM:
Cynthia Farris, Present; Dustin Koehler, Absent; John "Dick" Latham, Present; Rebecca "Maria" Ramthun, Present; Michael Tanner, Present. A quorum was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Secretary Kim Latham.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
No Additions or deletions to the Agenda were made. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously with one member absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non Agenda Items)

AUDIT 2024:
The Board of Directors and Secretary Latham Reviewed the audit and discussion ensued. There were a few items the BOD would like clarification about from the auditor; in addition, the District might consider arranging the budget to match the auditor's format. There were also questions regarding capital outlay and how to show the purchase of the new fire engine Secretary Latham will contact the auditor for clarification and see if the District budget format needs to be adjusted. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 audit report. Motion passed by a vote of three in favor, one against, and one member absent.

HEALTH INSURANCE 2026 – Review, Discuss, Approve
The CEBT insurance contract needs signature before October due to open enrollment that begins October 1, 2025 for the year 2026. The 2026 figures were presented to the BOD for consideration and discussion ensued on different plans and HRA amounts that might help rising costs for insurance. Motion was made and seconded to approve the health insurance contract with CEBT for the year 2026, and to monitor next year to see if we need to adjust for the next budget. Motion passed unanimously with one member absent.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1) Thank you to our team for their professionalism, attitudes, and how they interact with the community.
2) Discussion ensued regarding how to budget for the loss in revenue we will have next year. The PILT money from Mesa County might land around $10,000. There are no Garfield County figures yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously with one member absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by the De Beque Fire Protection Board of Directors on October 20, 2025.

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Michael Tanner, President

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Maria (Rebecca) Ramthun, Secretary

Board of Directors:
Board President Michael Tanner
Board Vice-President Dustin Koehler
Board Secretary Maria (Rebecca) Ramthun
Board Member Cynthia Farris
Board Member Dick (John R) Latham

It is noted that Board Member Cynthia Farris is also on the Board of Directors for the Town of De Beque. It is noted that the dual Board positions might be considered a conflict of interest in the event of interaction between the De Beque Fire Protection District and the Town of De Beque.