SMITH VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

October 12, 2026

The following items discussed and/or approved from the agenda:

1. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 1800 hours by Vice President Geney.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board members in attendance were Vice President Geney, Director Delucchi, Director Chandler, Director Montgomery. President Vlot was absent. Also, Chief Nightingale and Administrative Assistant Annette Blackwood were present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Participation

- None.

5. Review and Adoption of Agenda

- Director Chandler moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Delucchi seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

6. Approval of September 14, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from September 14, 2026, regular Board of Directors meeting submitted for approval. Director Chandler moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Delucchi seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

7. Accounts Payable

- Accounts payable presented in the amount of $32,679.21. Director Montgomery moved to approve the accounts payable. Director Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

8. Accounts Receivable

- Ambulance fees collected totaled $7,715.65. The district also received $1,529.82 in Sales & Rentals and $4,710.80 in Building Maintenance reimbursements, for a total of $13,956.27. Vice President Geney moved to accept the accounts receivable. Director Delucchi seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

9. Monthly Budget Report

- Tabled.

10. Correspondence Received

- None.

11. Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) – FLEX Budget Period 1 Grant Subaward

Discussion and possible approval to accept a $506,350 Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) – FLEX Budget Period 1 grant subaward from Lyon County; approve the subaward agreement; and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement and the Fire Chief to administer the grant and submit required reports and reimbursement requests.

- Vice President Geney moved to accept the $506,350 grant subaward. Director Montgomery seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

12. Purchase of 2024 North Star Ambulance Demonstrator

Discussion and possible approval to purchase one 2024 North Star ambulance demonstrator (4520-1), mounted on a 2025 Ford F-350 4x4 diesel chassis, from Braun Northwest, Inc., for $282,920, and to authorize the Board President to execute the purchase proposal dated October 3, 2026, subject to grant acceptance, completion of applicable grant procurement requirements, and required approvals.

- Tabled.

13. Proposed Employment Agreement for District Fire Chief Matthew Nightingale

The Board discussed a proposed employment agreement between the Smith Valley Fire Protection District and District Fire Chief Matthew Nightingale. It was noted that there had not previously been a contract between the Fire Chief and the District and that the Fire Chief was an at-will employee. President Vlot believed an agreement between the District and the Fire Chief would protect both parties.

- Vice President Geney moved to accept the proposed employment agreement between the Smith Valley Fire Protection District and Matthew Nightingale, District Fire Chief. Director Montgomery seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

14. Smith Valley Volunteers' Incentive Program

- The Board discussed the definition of "Member in Good Standing." Current criteria described as 50% training and 20% calls at the upper end, and 50% training and 15% calls at the lower end. One comment favored retaining the 50% training requirement without a call-response requirement, emphasizing that training is most important. We are trying to make the incentive program it workable, less complicated, and easier to manage.

15. Wildland Program

- The Board discussed training and preparedness for a wildfire program that would allow the district to send equipment and personnel outside the district to assist with fire suppression. This would be additional income for the district.

16. General Affairs Department (No Action Will Be Taken)

- 238 calls for service this year.
- Continue fire training and execration. The new personnel are learning about wildland fires. Sent an engine to assist with Coleville fire.
- Participated in Fun Days. Good turnout. Couple of calls there.
- Still in No Burn. Still very dry.
- Fire prevention week at school last Thursday. K-12, 162 children.
- Trunk or Treat are on October 30 5pm – 7pm.
- Bon Fire at the school for the Homecoming festivities.
- Went up to the antenna towers on Pine Grove. Finally got our tactical channel working. The equipment is aging.
- AFC Hunewill advised that out of twenty-two active members there are only our individuals that have not completed wildland classes. Also, we are trying to put out a year-long training calendar for fire and EMS.

17. Smith Valley Fire District Volunteer Member Comments

- None.

18. Board Member Comments

- Director Montgomery inquired about the new SVPFD APP. Chief Nightingale advised that it is in progress.
- Director Montgomery wanted to know about the bear. Chief Nightingale advised bear relocated to Tahoe.

19. Public Participation

- None.

20. Requests for Items to Be Placed on Future Meeting Agendas

- Ambulance
- Rate Sheet and job description for EMS.

21. Action to Adjourn

- Vice President Geney adjourned the meeting at 1912 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Blackwood, Administrative Assistant