

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STERLING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Held: Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Edwards Ave Sterling, CO

Board Members Present: Darren Luft, Wes Pollart, Gary Nelson, Mike Mills

Others Present: Chief Lavon Ritter, Chief Dan Wiebers, Jared Davis, Robert Blake

Board Members/Others Excused: Stan Kaiser, Kathy Hradecky

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Wes Pollart, Vice Chairman, with a quorum present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting

Gary Nelson moved (2nd Mike Mills) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 19, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters

Mike Mills moved (2nd Darren Luft) to approve the unaudited financial statements for the period ended May 31, 2025, and the expenditures for June 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Management Items

New Station – Land and Building

There are some concerns about easements on the property north of Redlund equipment. No response regarding this. CDOT will raise the road six inches with the Highway 6 project which may affect water drainage.

The city is still interested in the property by Ayres school if someone purchases the other half. Cheers park by the old Franklin school could be considered.

Informational Items

Merino Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Report

- Ranger at Prewitt retired, so the ranger from Akron is covering. The Division of Parks is looking at seasonal 2-day training for the department, so they can assist.
- The department will host an open house on July 12 from 11:00-2:00. Lunch provided for the community.
- The department added another volunteer. This gives them a total of 14 volunteers.
- The old fire truck from Willard just needs the plumbing completed. It will be a Type 3 grass truck.

Sterling Fire Department Chief's Report

- Chief Ritter submitted a bill for \$3,553.00 for maintenance on the hydraulic rescue tools that are carried on two trucks. Gary Nelson moved (2nd Mike Mills) to pay the bill as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Sterling Fire Department will be in charge of the county dive team (approved by county commissioners). There is a firefighter who needs one class to become a master diver and will be able to provide training in this area. Chief Ritter would like to have boats stationed in Sterling, Merino and Crook.
- The fire department discovered a body after a structure fire. CBI is involved in the investigation at this time.

- Chief Ritter hired a new paramedic from Morgan County. They will be testing later this month. There are 31 candidates, six are paramedics. He hopes to hire two more in July which would add one person each shift.

Director Reports

Mike Mills – He has received the first payment from South Platte Auto for the Ford. Chief Wiebers reported that Merino has dropped the insurance.

The next regular meeting is Monday, July 21 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further discussion and no executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved on the **21st** day of **July** 2025.