

CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2026

Call the Meeting to Order

JB Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All board members and Chiefs present.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

Mark Bangs made a motion to approve the agenda. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion Approved. (4:0).

Approval of Minutes

Kowach moved to approve the May 21, 2026 minutes as presented. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Bills

Nichols made a motion to approve the bills for June 18, 2026 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of \$13,206.37 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of \$50.00 and Pension bills of \$11,745.00 for a total of \$25,001.37. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Purchase Orders

None

Budget Review

Nichols - Revenue 75.3%. Admin 39.3%. Operations 28.8%. Capital 22%. Total Expenditure 34.2% of the budget. Will fund pension. Halfway through the year. We're in pretty good shape.

New Business

Actuarial Study – Board reviewed the actuarial study. Nichols made a motion to accept the actuarial study. Rod Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Audit Review – an update was provided on the audit. No action was taken.

Resolution to Petition into District - Chief Mercer made a presentation regarding 45966 Highway 13 and TBD County Road 89. These properties have no issues on the premises. Chief Mercer viewed the sites, and recommend that we accept 45966 Highway 13 and TBD County Road 89 into district. Chapman read the Resolution to Petition into District, Nichols made a motion to accept 197 45966 Highway 13 and TBD County Road 89 into Craig Rural Fire Protection District. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Stucco – The other vendor has chosen not to bid on stucco at this time. Nichols made a motion to accept the bid from Jenison for stucco repair. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0).

Bank Signer – With Hume removed from signing, we need to add a new signer. Nichols made a motion to add JB Chapman as the new signer. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (4:0)

Correspondence

None

Reports from the Chief –

Chief Mercer – We had 22 calls in May. 14 Fire, 8 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Fire academy is almost complete. Testing will be in July. HazMat will start in September. Met with the vendor for station rekey project. Waiting on the bid. PR has been busy with station tours and fire inspections. The fleet is in decent shape. E2 pressure relief valve is still leaking. Working on a plan. E7 has a discharge gauge on order. L1 has its aerial inspection coming up in August or September. Captain Hampton retired. All gear has been returned. Promoted OC Bangs to L3. Fireworks are still a go, pending conditions and fire restrictions. The Go/no-go date is Monday. Picnic is Saturday at 12:30. CRCC5 is experiencing staffing issues. Currently being dispatched by Alamosa. We are experiencing some disconnect within the centers. CSP is working to streamline the process. Tasked Shelley to work as part of that group.

Olsen presented an informational sheet regarding the current fleet. Looking into replacing R2, E2&3 first.

Board Member Reports

Rod Kowach – Was going to ask about communication issues. Thank you for reports and studies. Appreciate it. Hopefully everyone is doing ok from the bad call. Could we add something about safety chains to the sign?

Mark Bangs – Thank you for the information and discussion on where we are heading. BE aware that as temperature has been rising, so have tempers. Try to keep that in mind. We could be in the same situation as Meeker was last year. Are we prepared for that

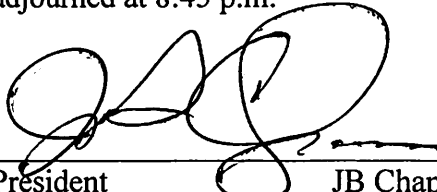
Discussion followed. No action taken

Chris Nichols – Watch district email for an evaluation form on administrative assistant. Board, please comment, schedule executive session at the next meeting for personnel. Gave an update on the ongoing legal issue. Judge is reviewing.

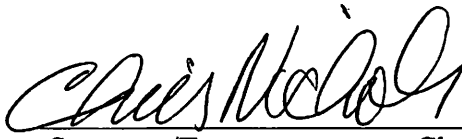
J.B. Chapman — Nothing to add.

Adjournment

Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn. Kowach moved. Nichols seconded. Motion passed. (4:0) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



President JB Chapman



Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols