# CRAIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
# BOARD MEETING MINUTES
**September 17, 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**
Rod Kowach made a motion to approve the agenda, Mark Bang seconded. Motion Approved. (5:0).

**Approval of Minutes**
Bangs moved to approve the August 20, 2026 minutes as presented. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0).

**Audience Comments**
Kamisha Siminoe had questions about retired firefighters coming to help. Discussion was held regarding FROG program

**Approval of Bills**
Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the bills for September 17, 2026 as presented (Fire Department bills in the amount of $56,875.36 Haz-Mat bills in the amount of $55.00 and Pension bills of $0.00 for a total of $56,930.36. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

**Purchase Orders**
None

**Budget Review**
Nichols - Revenue 107%. Admin 74.4%. Operations 51.6%. Capital 49.5%. Total Expenditure 65.9% of the budget. We ae ¾ of the way through the year. Many of the annual services and testing are in this month's bills.

**New Business**
Draft Budgets – Chief Mercer presented draft budgets. All budgets are reflecting current numbers. Will start the refining process. Have requested $7,500 from the City and the County. Bumped up gear and equipment, adjusted physicals. Pension has been adjusted for new and upcoming draw requests. Fire is based on this year's numbers. Some adjustments have been made for price increases. Dispatch fees are likely to change next year. Internet services are also changing. We are waiting on quotes from vendors to update capital.

CURA – The Board reviewed the IGA for CURA area 3. Nicholos recommended the same contribution of 75% as the other areas agreements. Nichols made a motion to follow suit with the other two agreements and contribute with 75% of TIF. Kowach seconded. Motion passed. (5:0)

**Correspondence**
None

**Reports from the Chief –**
Chief Mercer – We had 25 calls in August. 15 Fire, 10 EMS, and 0 HazMat. Academy starts HazMat in 2 weeks. Recruitment is gearing up. There are posters, and mailers that are ready to go out. PR has had tours, ball drops, inspections, and EMT Extrication class. There we no major concerns from the maintenance the trucks.

We did replace the reel on E5 after damage from a fire. The Starlinks and brackets have arrived; will get the tower running first and then shut down the luminate. Will be out of district for 2 weeks.

Olsen presented an update on truck replacement. A group for the truck build has been selected and will start to meet next week.

**Board Member Reports**

Rod Kowach – Thank you for a good job on the budget. Fire calls are still busy. The work on the building looks good. Tell everybody thanks. Starting to see a lot of deer on the road, be careful.

Mark Bangs – Have a few personal things going on next month. Will be hit or miss, but will be as available as possible.

Chris Nichols – We had a decent showing at the 9-11flag ceremony. It was a good event. Please send out text about hose testing.

Keith Prescott – Thank you, good job with recruitment work. Good work on budget.

J.B. Chapman — Most everything has been discussed. Kudos on focus, look forward to applicants. Thank you for discussion and involvement.

**Adjournment**

Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn. Nichols moved. Bangs seconded. Motion passed. (5:0) Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

President JB Chapman

Secretary/Treasurer Chris Nichols