

Western Hills Fire Protection District

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Kris Knez, Caleb Clark

Absent: Calven Goza

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik

Rick Ruggieri

Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Ch. Kuznik reported there were 35 incidents in August 2025

Garden City had 5 calls.

The average alarm handling time was 1:59

Turnout time 1 m 1 sec

Average response time 8 m 1 sec

Sacramento/El Dorado fire (California) – Crew members and apparatus have returned to Greeley Fire.

Fire Marshal candidate interviews took place last week with two finalists.

A conditional offer may be extended this week.

Fire Prevention – Interviews for a new inspector to rotate into the Bureau in 2026.

Three recruits have begun the Fire Academy and are doing well.

Calls	2025 WH	2025 City	2024 WH	2024 City
January	32	1,470	58	1,598
February	33	1,281	54	1,348
March	53 (42)	1,366	64	1,384
1st Quarter	118	4,117	176	4,330
April	41	1,241	54	1,406
May	33	1,442	55	1,659
June	46	1,492	59	1,596
2nd Quarter	120	4,175	168	4,661
July	38		55	1,716
August	35		64	1,765
September			48	1,662

3rd Quarter	73		167	5,143
October			44	1,686
November			51	1,581
December			48	1,660
4th Quarter			143	4,933
Year to Date	311		654	19,061

5. **Minutes:** August 2025 Regular Meeting
Motion to accept August 2025 Minutes.
(Clark/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

6. **Financials:**
 - A. Bills paid in August 2025
Motion to accept Bills Paid in August 2025 as presented.
(Knez/Clark) 4-0 Approved

 - B. Statement of Changes as of August 2025
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.
(Steinmetz/Knez) 4-0 Approved

 - C. Journal Entries for August 2025
Motion to accept Journal Entries for August 2025.
(Clark/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

 - D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.

 - E. Closing Checklist August 2025
Motion to accept the Closing Checklist.
(Clark/Knez) 4-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**
 - A. Station Maintenance – Updates
 1. Review Ceiling Tile replacement
Mr. Knez will proceed with the replacement this week
 2. Fence Panel replacement
Mr. Knez will find similar fence panels
 3. Weed spraying/removal
 - a. Ms. Knez is spraying as weather permits.

8. **New Business:**
 - A. Feasibility Study
Ch. Kuznik and Mr. Ruggeri met with Mr. Johnson and Ms. Knez to

discuss the possibility of a Feasibility Study.

A handout was provided to the Board. The intent is to utilize a third party to review the City and District governance, funding, and existing contract.

Presentation on the Scope of Requests for Proposals

Joint venture opportunity. Various Models are possible.

For example, District funds a station/apparatus, and the City would provide staffing.

Original contract covered 2011-2020; renewed in 2019 for additional 10- year period to 2030.

The city is growing and needs to assess changes and impacts.

The scope would be written to cover both City and District growth considerations.

No cost for a Request for Proposal. Potential cost for a comprehensive study could be \$50,000-100,000 after a vendor is engaged.

The city does not currently own land for the relocation of Station 4.

As a joint venture, would any other agencies benefit from the study?

What is the proposed split, if known, is it 50/50 or a percentage?

- B. City of Greeley Cost Allocation for 2026
Review of the allocation memo from the city.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for contract discussion. (Knez/Clark)

9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None

10. **Adjourn:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:237 p.m.

Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items

Date	Time	Agenda Items
10/13/2025	5:30 p.m.	2026 Preliminary Budget presentation
11/10/2025	5:30 p.m.	
12/08/2025	5:30 p.m.	2026 Budget Hearing/Adoption

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

Greg Johnson, Board President