

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

March 10, 2026, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director
March 10th, 2026, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

1.1 Roll Call Present – Directors de Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum, Flaming
Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, FF Aemisegeo, FF Butler

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Rossi

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda
(M/S) Marcaccio/Rossi
Passed 5/0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

3.1 None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from February 10, 2025, Board Meeting

4.2 Administration recommends BOD approve: Payment of Bills – green sheets for February 2025
(M/S) Rossi/Flaming
Passed 5/0

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whit gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE: March 10, 2026

ITEM: March Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of February

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information about the District

Calls For Service in January:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>February</u>
Fire	3
Rescue and Emergency Medical	44
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	1
Service Call (Public Assist)	2
Cover other districts stations	1
Good Intent	0
False Alarm	0
TOTAL	53

Fire Loss Total \$150,000.00

Apparatus

- **E-38 has HOPEFULLY been repaired as the previously reported rodent issue was not the main problem ... a new, previously hidden (behind the air compressor, deep inside the engine compartment seems to have been the culprit. Holding our breath ...**

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- E-335 has been also repaired with new brighter headlights, defroster motor and damper replaced, and some of the valving Radios in all apparatus have been addressed and are in service ... for now!
- E-338 will be going in for service (regularly scheduled) as soon as E-38 is back and has been tested for service.

Facilities

- Roof leak seems to be holding ...
- We will be looking to repair/replace the HVAC system that covers the Board, PPE, and the work out rooms.
- We will be seeking Board direction on placing a new audio/visual (A/V) device in the Boardroom in order to serve the citizens and Board members better (mounted TV in the corner as one example or placing the A/V on the south award wall and rearranging the current plaques).

Personnel

- All are good!

Administration

- We have s staff report do adopt our Mission, Vision, and Core Values statements.
- We have asked Counsel to review the possibility of the idea of providing a “Stipend” to cover food costs for employees.
- We are looking at adopting a new exposure reporting system for line staff to document exposures of all types. This is a normal “Best Practice” to protect our people long term. An additional cost for the module can be obtained with our new RMS, First Due, for about \$1000 per year.
- We are continuing to make progress with our WIGS developed during our retreat.
 - New phone system has been purchased and we are awaiting installation.
 - We are continuing to look at purchasing two utility vehicles
 - Contract to rent PPE for one year for our Shift Volunteers has been executed.
- The Tablet Command is now in service. Costs for annual servicing on the new system will be coming forthwith. We now have iPads for Chiefs Whitt and Earle, E38, E-338, E-335, and WT-38. Works well even with a few hiccoughs.
- Still in process with CIRA and others to provide us with the best bid for insurance service needs.

Operations

- We did have a pre-position event for the week of the storm. We up-staffed E-335 and Patrol 38 with an additional 4 Firefighters each day. This cost will be covered by reimbursement from Cal OES. It lasted 6 days. Very, very busy times! Lots of wires down, trees not upright, and vehicles being stuck. Our citizens did well and we did our best to meet the needs of everyone.

OPTIONS: The Chief’s Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT: As noted in the report.

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

5.2 Local #4586

FF Aemisegeo – Nothing to report

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5.3 PVFA

Jerry Jumper email report – The Sweetheart Dance was a huge success. Indian Diggins School fundraiser is this Saturday March 14th 5PM at the Fireman’s Hall. The annual Easter Breakfast will be held on March 28th 9am-10:30 at the Fireman’s Hall, with the Easter Egg hunt taking place at 11 am at D’Agostini Ranch.

5.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.

None

5.5 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet.

5.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

Director Holum Provided a brief report of financial committee meeting held on 3/10/20026.

6 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Station 31 Building Project

Chief Whitt provided update – Still in process

6.2 Winery Water Access

Still in process

6.3 Drafting Hydrants

On 3/11/2026 at D’Agostini Pond there will be a demonstration of the hydrant’s operation. Installation is complete.

6.4 Landing Zones

Keep this on the agenda. It will be put off until Summertime.

6.5 Firefighter Meal Stipends

Keep on Agenda

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Fire Chief Salary Adjustment

Director Rossi recommended that the board put a committee together to review Chief wages. (M/S) Rossi/Flaming

Motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Director Rossi, Director Marcaccio, community Member Dan Dwyer and 1 senior PFPD Captain to meet prior to the next board meeting in April.

Passed 5/0

7.2 Approval of Mission, Vision & Core Values Statement

Chief Whitt reviewed Mission, Vision & Core Values Statements.

Motion to approve Mission, Vision & Core Values Statements.

(M/S) de Bie/Flaming

Passed 5/0

8 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

(GOOD OF THE ORDER)

Paul Schaffer’s annual Hoedown at his ranch is April 18th. If you plan to be in attendance, you must RSVP to Julie Wynia

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9 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

All usual items FF Stipend for meals/food

Chief Salary Review Ad Hoc Committee report & Closed session for performance review.

10 ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn

(M/S) Marcaccio/de Bie 5/0 Meeting adjourned 7:13PM

THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.