

**Klamath County Fire District 1
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Central Fire Station
143 N. Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Storey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Storey led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Directors

Present:

Gloria Storey, President

Mike Kuntz, Secretary/Treasurer

Nick Randall, Director

Absent:

Mike Jones, Vice-President

Steve Leslie, Director

4. Approval of the Agenda

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

b. January 27, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the January 27, 2026, special meeting minutes, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

6. Financial Reports

a. January 2026 Financial Reports

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the January 2026 financial report, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

b. Ratification of January 2026 Bills

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the January 2026 bills, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

c. January 2026 EMS Billing Reports

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the January 2026 EMS billing reports, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

d. February Billing Days Out Report

DAS Hull reported billing is currently 7 – 10 days out.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Station 1 Construction Update

None.

b. Resolution 2025-02 Amendment – Non-Represented Personnel Wages and Benefits for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

FC Knutson reported the BC vacation adjustment, per the 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement, was not made on the document submitted and approved at the January meeting, necessitating this amendment for Board approval. Attorney Ratliff noted this motion will supersede the amendment and motion made at the January meeting.

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 amended, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

8. New Business

a. Brimmer Contract – OSFM Activations

FC Knutson reported BC Brimmer will step into the interim DC of Operations position on February 23, with a plan to retire June 1. BC Brimmer is part of the OSFM Incident Management Green Team and by having a contract in place an additional revenue stream is available to the District, primarily for the use of a command vehicle during conflagrations. Training services are also included in the contract and FC Knutson will confirm liability is covered through the state. Secretary Treasurer Kuntz has years of experience with this and expressed support and potential for expansion. DC Denney summarized the wildland succession plan and noted upcoming opportunities for employees with conflagration operations.

Secretary Treasurer Kuntz made a motion to approve the contract with BC Brimmer as submitted to the Board, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

9. Informational Reports

Fire Chief and Operations

a. Fire Chief and Operations Activity Memo February

FC Knutson and Physician Supervisor Dr. Klas attended a meeting about APCO, a private priority dispatch company that Klamath County 911 is researching; FC Knutson is doing additional research and outreach to current users, and hopes to address concerns about liability. A consultation meeting was held with SDAO representatives about providing a SWOT Analysis for the District that can then be used to create a current Strategic Plan. SDAO provided a path to work on station mapping which is not included in the analysis, and DC Hitchcock is researching other companies that provide these types of services. FC Knutson met with AirLink to bring contract rates and language up-to-date; the updated AirLink contract will then be used as a model for contracts with other air transport agencies. All four Captains passed the BC promotion assessment and staff did a great job with the assessment coordination.

b. January Incident Activity

No discussion.

c. Thank you Correspondence

No discussion.

Deputy Chief – Support Services

a. Deputy Chief – Support Services Activity Memo February

DC Hitchcock provided an apparatus service review. The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) has \$197 million aimed specifically at rural health; Klamath County agencies are collaborating to submit a joint application package for the county, to hopefully include a community paramedicine program. A positive shift is being seen in the Department for routine equipment maintenance cycles. There were recently 27 HRT referrals for specialty services. Monthly meetings will start being held with the Building Department for coordination of projects.

Division Chief – Training

a. Division Chief - Training Activity Memo February

DC Denney reported the newest fire and EMS employees are finishing FTEP, all three shifts have been through the Winco building, training is being done on the Handtevy pediatric system, and updated standing orders were released February 1. DC Denney noted several trainings including Bluecard and reported on increased communication with KCC regarding the student program, the joint-use training facility, and increased support from the District for the KCC training programs.

Division Chief – Fire Marshal

a. Division Chief - Fire Marshal Activity Memo February

FM Tramp reported a better line of communication was established with the Building Department for reporting and plan reviews. Forty-seven inspections were done since the last meeting, all hotels and motels, finding that a lot of major issues from last year were taken care of by the building owners/managers. KCFD1 facilities were inspected finding only minor issues. In addition, Winco has final County approval and will open on March 2, a walk-through of Watershed Row was completed, and investigations include a fatal fire last week. A new radio script will start next week with KLAD and FM Tramp requested the Board pass on any ideas for radio messaging or other ways to expand District messaging beyond what is currently being used by the District.

10. Public comment

None.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Secretary Treasurer Kuntz, seconded by Director Randall, motion carried three to zero.

The regular session adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Klamath County Fire District 1 Board of Directors will be at the Central Fire Station, 143 N. Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURES



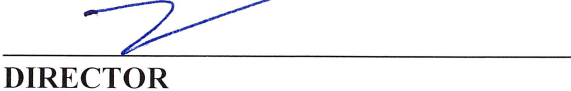
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