

**West Peculiar Fire Protection District
Station 1
200 South Main Street
Peculiar, MO 64078
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2026**

Director Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Director Collins and Director Crosby were present. Also, present Battalion Chief Johnston, Amy McWade, and Randy Powers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Director Crosby made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Director Crosby made a motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2026, Tax Levy Hearing and Board Meeting as presented. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Amy McWade presented the Treasurer's Report:

A. Banking:

Operating Checking:	\$ 1,156,363.59
Fire Operations:	\$ 1,895,265.36
Petty Cash:	\$ 210.49
DSF:	\$ 370,970.58
Capital Project Fund 2026 (CPF 2026)	\$ 264,974.00
Total Banking:	\$ 3,687,784.02

B. Accounts Payable:

Amy McWade stated that the amount for accounts payable was \$128,777.12.

C. Transfer:

Amy McWade stated that a transfer will be made in the amount of \$51,156.70 from the DSF account into the Fire Operations account.

Director Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Director Collins called for New Business.

New Business

A. Purposed Budgets for the District's Fiscal Year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027:

Chief Sperry presented the board with a packet including a budget message for the upcoming year, along with the three budgets (attached). He gave a power point presentation as he went over the General Operating Budget, the Capital Budget and the Debt Service Fund Budgets. Discussions took place over each budget, and Chief Sperry went over each line-item. He explained the increases and decreases he projected in the upcoming year. Chief Sperry concluded his presentation by answering any questions the board asked and thanking the staff for helping him prepare the budgets presented.

Director Crosby made a motion to approve the **General Operating Budget** as presented. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and went as follows; Collins – yea, Crosby - yea.

Director Crosby made a motion to approve the **Capital Budget** as presented. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and went as follows; Collins – yea, Crosby - yea.

Director Collins made a motion to approve the **Debt Service Fund Budget** as presented. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and went as follows; Collins – yea, Crosby - yea.

B. Operational Update

Chief Sperry stated that the district needs to update the incident alerting systems in the stations. Battalion Chief Johnston explained that the G2 Alerting System almost instantly sends alerts from dispatch to the crews improving their response times and situational awareness. He stated that to equip both stations, he had received a quote from US Digital Designs in the amount of \$68,883.48. A brief discussion continued over the need and expense for the new alerting system.

Director Collins made a motion to purchase the G2 Alerting System, not to exceed \$69,000.00. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chief Sperry concluded the operational update by stating that with the growth that is happening within the fire district, he feels it's in a good spot right now, and the only threat is the senate bill regarding taxes.

Director Collins read the following September Anniversaries and thanked them for their service to the district.

- Battalion Chief Corey Johnston = 20 years FT / 5 years as B.C.,
- FF/Medic Ethan Gilkey = 3 years
- FF/Medic Delanee Gilsdorf = 2 year
- FF/Medic Dalton Cross – 1 year

There being no further business to discuss, Director Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

LeAnn Collins, President

Monte Crosby, Director

unavailable

Robert Norman, Treasurer