

**Placerville Fire Protection Dist. Inc.**  
**Commissioners' Special Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2026 10:00 am at Placerville Fire Station**

10:00 am - Call the meeting to order. Establish Quorum.  
Commissioners present: Rick Barber, William Longden, Tom Andreason  
Staff Present: Treasurer Linda Jones, Secretary Kim Barker  
Pledge of Allegiance

Due to a large turnout, signs were posted redirecting attendees across the parking lot to the Placerville Fire Station. Commissioner Longden thanked people for coming and reminded everyone there would be an opportunity for public input at the end of the meeting and to please keep it to three minutes; he went on to say outbursts during the meeting would not be permitted and could result in a person being asked to leave the meeting, missing out on the opportunity to say what you need to say.

**New Business:**

- District work assignment priorities. \*

Commissioner Longden opened by stating Chief Bourret turned over the District's water project to him on January 20, 2026; if anyone has any questions, direct them to Commissioner Longden. Commissioner Andreason asked if Fred Baumhoff's signature had been obtained for a pump house site at Mud Flats. Commissioner Longden said a discussion with Fred will be on the agenda at the next meeting. Commissioner Andreason shared copies of the Modernization Plan and 2026 Wildfire Protection Plan drafts and suggested the Commissioners review and revise these as needed so something is on the books to work from. No action was taken.

- Variance request discussion
  - 4x4 structure truck \*

Commissioner Longden shared that the Harris Creek Heights development cut in roads that do not meet Boise County grade requirements; the developers requested a variance from the County that Chief Bourret reviewed and replied to with options. Commissioner Longden called on Assistant Chief Tyller Longden to provide more information on the variance request.

Assistant Chief T Longden stated the variance request would exceed the 10% County grade requirements in several areas; the concern is the District does not have a structure truck to get up the hill for fire protection; the Chief suggested an underground water system that would permit protection of properties from a truck positioned at the bottom of the affected driveways; the Chief voluntarily passed the variance request over to Assistant Chief T Longden due to possible conflict of interest.

Commissioner Longden shared that the developer offered the District \$30K for a truck. Commissioner Andreason shared he learned after talking with Alex Gross at Boise County Planning and Zoning that the District is invited to share their opinions but it's up to the Board of County Commissioners to approve or deny the request. Commissioner Andreason then read directly from the variance request where Boise County's adopted standards for mountainous terrain range from 10-14% with a max of 12% for roads with snow. Commissioner Andreason then shared that he and Chief Bourret wrote another letter citing what was read specifically and requested the donation for a truck that the District could put a slip on; the letter was taken into consideration in the County's last meeting where the variance was approved.

Commissioner Longden emphasized that the District does not have the equipment to service the area; that the cost of a structure truck is \$330K and Chief Bourret and Commissioner Andreason talked to Alex Spoon about the difficulty in servicing the area. Commissioner Andreason shared that in his opinion what can't be done is to stop a multimillion dollar development. Commissioner Longden shared he's concerned and frustrated then read an excerpt from the District policy manual, and asked whether the Chief should have done something more. Chief Bourret then announced his resignation.

Commissioner Longden called on Garrick Nelson to share his opinion; Garrick introduced himself as working with the City of Meridian public works then offered it's within the District's rights to ask for what is needed to service the area; he looked at pre-plats for Harris Heights and mentioned there may be an opportunity for the Chief to add additional information regarding the fire protection situation before the final plat is approved.

No action was taken.

**Public Input:** There will be a 3-minute time limit for each speaker.

- Tim Garrett asked for a written copy of the variance. Commissioner Longden suggested asking the County.
- Heather Noppens mentioned a copy of the variance can be had from the County upon written request.
- Tim Horting remarked on the resignation of Chief Bourret and the dependability of the District's equipment now versus in the past when the District had little to no functioning equipment.
- Kev Grunke agreed with Tim Horting and went on to comment on the role of the Chief.
- Garrick Nelson commented on the strides taken to get the District into shape; that fire protection is people and equipment and has reached out to Alex Gross and Jordan Jones both with Boise County for assistance.
- Kim Blough addressed the issue of insurance and losing 3 policies in three years and went on to share it's a disservice to those who want to buy and live here and that the issue of insurance was overlooked on the variance approval.
- Matt Houle thanked Chief Bourret for being a catalyst for the district and went on to state that divisive leadership puts the District at risk for losing volunteers; we need to keep our volunteers and get things straightened out.
- Tom Andreason asked for understanding that the Chief resigned.
- Gary Newberry shared he also recently lost insurance after 32 years; he asked if the Chief's resignation will be in writing. The Commission agreed it would. Commissioner Longden shared the position will be posted and applicants interviewed; chances for the public to comment.
- Rick Donovan asked what would happen to the Facebook group page; Commissioner Longden said he'd work to get an official page; the website address placervillefire.us was shared with mention of work being done to ensure the old site redirects to the new one.
- Linda Jones standing as a constituent asked who would be liable if something happened in the new development.
- Tim Garrett shared appreciation for the Chief's service /being a catalyst; he credited the Commissioners as well for helping the District to get to where it is today. Commissioner Longden shared there will be town hall meetings to keep people involved.
- Matt Houle said we have a great group of firefighters; appreciative of the time spent and their sacrifice; he pointed out Assistant Chief Tyller Longden as a leader and suggested him as the next Chief.
- Commissioner Andreason shared these guys are friends; they have their radios with them and everytime the radio goes off they get tense; the Commissioners spend time but the firefighters are really appreciated.

### **Executive Session**

Executive session §74-206 (b) \*

Per Idaho code section 74-206 (b), Commissioner Barber moved to enter an executive session to consider the evaluation of a complaint brought against one of the Commissioners.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Longden approved; Commissioner Barber approved; Commissioner Andreason approved.

Outcome: The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Longden called the executive session into order at 10:42 am. Commissioner Longden called the special meeting back to order at 10:56 am. No decisions were made.

\* = Action Item

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Longden adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

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**MINUTES APPROVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Placerville Fire Protection District this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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William Longden, Chairperson

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Kim Barker, District Secretary