West Peculiar Fire Protection District
Station 1
200 South Main Street
Peculiar, MO 64078
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2026

Director Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Director Norman, Director Crosby, and Director Collins were present. Also, present Chief Sperry, Matt Regan, Battalion Chief Johnston, Randy Powers, Micheal Nelson, Ronnie Dennison and Amy McWade.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda
Chief Sperry asked that S.A.F.E.R. Grant and Radio Repeater be added to New Business.

Director Collins made a motion to amend the agenda as recommended by Chief Sperry. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Personal Appearances: Matt Regan, Novak Birks P.C.
Matt Regan with Novak Birks, P.C. presented the WPFPD Financial Statements and Audit Report for September 30, 2025. Mr. Regan stated the district is in sound shape as far as its financials and he had a clean audit to report. He went on to say they encountered no problems during the audit. Mr. Regan offered to answer any questions the board might have for him. No questions were asked.

Director Collins made a motion to accept the Financial Statements and Audit Report for West Peculiar Fire Protection District's fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, as presented by Matt Regan with Noval Birks, P.C. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Minutes
Director Collins made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:
Director Norman presented the Treasurer's Report:

A. **Banking:**

Operating Checking:	$ 2,367,109.61
Fire Operations:	$ 953,519.13
Petty Cash:	$ 383.93
DSF:	$ 363,248.10

Total Banking: **$ 3,684,260.77**

B. **Accounts Payable:** Director Norman stated that the amount for accounts payable was $352,916.18.

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 Old Business.

Old Business

A. **Fire Equipment:** Chief Sperry stated that everyone is working hard to get the new engine in service, but it has a few warranty items being fixed by Cass County Repair.

B. **Fire Suppression Hood:** Chief Sperry presented the board a R.F.B.A. for a Kitchen Hood Suppression System. A discussion took place over the three bids obtained. Chief Sperry explained that Prodigy Fire Solutions currently does work for the district, and he recommended them for the job.

Director Collins made a motion to award the job to Prodigy Fire Solutions with the amount of $5,050.00. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Director Collins called for New Business.

New Business

A. **Open New Bank Account; reaffirm electronic vote February 5, 2026.**
Chief Sperry explained that Assistant Chief Loar needed the new bank account in connection with a S.A.F.E.R. Grant they would like to apply for.
Director Crosby made a motion to reaffirm the electronic vote taken February 5, 2026, to open a new green bus checking account at Community Bank of Raymore. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. **Resolution 2026-01; All Bank Accounts Check Signers.**
Director Collins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01; **A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Directors of the West Peculiar Fire Protection District; hereinafter called the "Authority", designating check signers for All Fiscal Accounts. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. **Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds.**
A discussion took place over the amount to issue the G.O. Bonds passed in 2008. Chief Sperry recommended reimbursing the district's general funds for the new fire engine. He then presented the board with a printout of interest rates Todd Goffoy had sent him. It was decided to issue the remainder of the G.O. Bonds.

Director Crosby made a motion to issue the remainder of the bonds in the amount of $ 1,210,000.00. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. S.A.F.E.R. Grant

Chief Sperry explained that they had been working on an application for the 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (S.A.F.E.R.). He stated that this would be a 3-year grant funded at 75% for the first 2 years, and then 35% for the third and final year. He continued explaining how this could really help the department raise staffing levels.

Director Norman made a motion to apply for the 2025 S.A.F.E.R. Grant. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

E. Radio Repeater

Battalion Chief Johnston provided a Request for Board Approval to the board. He explained the need for an upgrade to the one the VHF repeater the district currently has is old and parts are no longer available for it. He stated that a brand new one costs $21,840.00, and that there is a 5-year-old used one that is available for $5,000.00. He went on to say that this used repeater has been tested, programed and is ready to install. Battalion Chief Johnston stated that he could do the installation himself.

Director Norman made a motion to purchase the used Motorola GTR8000 Repeater in the amount of $5000. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

F. Operational Update

Battalion Chief Johnston gave the update. He stated that the calls are still coming in simultaneously, which is keeping the crew extremely busy. He stated that the new engine is at Cass County Repair getting some warranty work done. He explained that they are going to have to look at replacing the mobile radios in the trucks soon.

<u>February Anniversary</u>

Director Collins read the following anniversary: Jackson Popplewell – 4 years. The board thanked him for his years of service to the district.

<u>Executive Session</u>

Director Crosby made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:18 p.m., Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and went as follows: Collins – yes, Norman – yes Crosby - yes.

A. Personnel

Director Crosby made a motion to enter back into regular session at 9:12 p.m. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and went as follows: Collins – yes, Norman – yes Crosby - yes.

Director Collins stated there was a roll call vote while in executive session:

1) Director Collins made a motion to hire a part-time firefighter/paramedic. Director Norman seconded the vote. The vote went as follows: Collins – yes, Norman – yes, Crosby - yes.

There being no further business to discuss, Director Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

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LeAnn Collins, President

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Monte Crosby, Director

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Robert Norman, Treasurer