West Peculiar Fire Protection District
Station 1
200 South Main Street
Peculiar, MO 64078
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 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, Battalion Chief Johnston, Laurie Bassett, and Amy McWade.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes
Director Collins made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting as presented. Director Crosby 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:	$ 596,735.99
Fire Operations:	$ 947,677.18
Petty Cash:	$ 263.93
DSF:	$ 362,091.61
Total Banking:	**$ 1,906,768.71**

B. **Accounts Payable:** Director Norman stated that the amount for accounts payable was $65,678.49.

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 presented the board with a R.F.B.A. for a Portable Fire Suppression Monitor and Accessories (attached). A discussion took place over the three bids obtained for the RFBA; Chief Sperry recommended the bid go to Leo Ellebracht Company in the amount of $5,343.75.

Director Norman made a motion to purchase the fire suppression monitor and accessories from Leo Ellebracht Company in the amount of $5,343.75 as recommended. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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 in the amount of $5050.00. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Director Collins called for New Business.

<u>New Business</u>

A. **Todd Goffey, Bond Counsel Response Letter & Engagement Letter:**
Chief Sperry presented an engagement letter to the board regarding the underwriter/placement agent as Todd Goffoy, Managing Director for Piper Sandler & Company (attached).

Director Crosby made a motion to hire Todd Goffoy, Piper Sandler & Company to be the district's bond agent. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A discussion took place over passing a resolution for the issuance of the remaining bonds.

B. **Operational Update**
Chief Sperry explained that there was money that was approved but not yet cashed out in general obligation bonds passed in 2008. He stated that out of the $4.000.000 passed, $1,200,000 remains still available for the district to use. He asked the board to consider cashing out $900,000 in bonds to use towards the new KME, Spectr II Fire Engine they had purchased and he had just returned from picking up. He then stated that $300,000 still remains to cash out on a new ambulance if needed. He then explained how he ended up bringing the new engine back by himself, due to Captain Moody having a family emergency. He stated that they are getting everything done to place it in service and take it to Columbia, Missouri to be on display during the 2026 MU Winter Fire School Expo.
Battalion Chief Johnston stated that 2025 ended with the crews running 1,496 calls, they treated 1,014 patients and that 983 of the calls were EMS.

<u>January Anniversary</u>

Director Collins read the following January anniversary; Hunter Nelson – 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 8:04 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 8:21 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 were two roll call votes while in executive session:

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

2) Director Collins made a motion to hire Nathanial Chase as a full-time Firefighter / EMT. 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 8:27 p.m. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

<u>ACCEPTED AND APPROVED</u>:

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LeAnn Collins, President

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Monte Crosby, Director

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Robert Norman, Treasurer