

MESA COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2026

At 7:00PM Wayne DeGesualdo called the meeting to order. Wayne DeGesualdo, Eric Talley, Murray Thiessen, Dave Upchurch and Chad Wallace were present for the board.

Also present were public member Rich Phillips, Rick Weber, Julie Whiting, Steven Whiting, Kristy Hale, Ernest Hale, Mindy Purcell, Duane Purcell, Dan and Cindy Miller, Taryn McIlveen, Veronica McIlveen, Colene Rowland, Cheryl Lumbardy, Chris Rowland, Jennifer Woods, Nathaniel Hale, Magan Whiting, Justin Whiting, Bonnie Kosantie, Paul W, John, Nina Bolognese, Brian Schuette, Jake Maren Cherveney, and Deanna Cherveney. Administrative Assistant Stacy Cox, Brian Woods (CFPD Board Member and Brian Cherveney (Chief of CFPD), along with many of the volunteer of Mesa County Fire Authority where also attended.

Everyone present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne DeGesualdo said an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Wayne DeGesualdo asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes of the May Board Meeting, all agreed they did. There was a correction on the last full page to the name of a board member who requested records. Chad also wanted to make sure that his email is correct. Chad Wallace made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of the board member's last name. Murray Thiessen seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Update of Purchase of Engine

Purchase complete, hoping to bring it home the second week of July.

Preliminary Meetings with GJFD, PFD and CFD Update scheduled for end of Meeting

Chad Wallace did not want to wait until after other board issues taken care of therefore moved the agenda around. Wayne advised met with CFPD on May 28th. As a result of that meeting, Brian Woods and Chief Cherveney were invited to present their proposal to the board and public- and were invited up to do so at this time. The following is a copy of the handout they provided and what they spoke about.

Why Are We Here?

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Background

CFPD was originally evaluating emergency service options related to Central Orchard Mesa due to EMS service requirements and existing response obligations.

During those discussions, MCFA leadership requested that CFPD evaluate a broader proposal encompassing all MCFA service areas rather than developing separate service arrangements.

In response, CFPD developed a conceptual framework intended to:

- Improve emergency service delivery
 - Address EMS compliance concerns
 - Improve long-term sustainability
 - Protect taxpayers
 - Strengthen regional emergency response
 - Create a fair and sustainable funding model
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Why CFPD Began These Discussions

This discussion did not originate from a desire by CFPD to expand its service area.

Rather, it originated from the increasing amount of emergency medical response CFPD has been providing outside its district boundaries, particularly within portions of the MCFA service area.

For many years CFPD has responded when neighboring communities required assistance.

CFPD remains committed to regional cooperation and helping neighboring agencies when needed.

However, the current situation has evolved beyond traditional mutual aid.

Today, CFPD is regularly providing emergency medical response and service readiness in areas where CFPD receives little or no financial support for those services.

While CFPD is proud to provide this assistance, our Board also has a responsibility to the taxpayers of Clifton Fire Protection District.

The continued provision of emergency services outside district boundaries without a sustainable financial framework is not fair to CFPD taxpayers and is not sustainable as a long-term model.

This reality is one of the primary reasons CFPD began exploring alternatives and ultimately participated in discussions regarding a potential regional service partnership.

Why This Discussion Matters

Emergency service agencies throughout Colorado face:

- EMS staffing challenges
- Volunteer recruitment challenges
- Increasing service demands
- Rising operational costs
- Facility and infrastructure needs
- Regulatory compliance requirements

Mesa County has also identified concerns regarding EMS service delivery within portions of the MCFA service area.

The question is not whether these issues need to be addressed.

The question is what solution best protects residents and taxpayers moving forward.

Community Benefits

Services CFPD Can Provide

- 24-hour fire response
- 24-hour EMS response
- Advanced Life Support EMS
- Ambulance transport services
- Rescue services
- Water rescue capabilities
- Professional staffing
- Established command structure
- Regional emergency response capabilities

Benefits To MCFA Residents

- Improved emergency response reliability
- Reduced dependence on recurring mutual aid
- Compliance with County EMS requirements
- Improved fire protection capability
- Enhanced regional coordination
- Long-term service sustainability

Future Infrastructure Investment

CFPD is actively planning a new fire station in the 32 Road and D Road corridor.

Benefits include:

- Faster response times
- Improved coverage to COM and Lands End
- Improved deployment capabilities
- Increased service reliability
- Potential ISO improvements
- Potential insurance benefits

For many MCFA residents this station would become the closest professionally staffed emergency response resource.

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Financial Participation Begins Immediately

The proposed agreement is based on a simple principle:

Communities Receiving Service Should Participate In Supporting Service.

The proposal does not contemplate CFPD providing long-term emergency services without financial participation.

The agreement contemplates:

- Existing property tax revenues
- Existing specific ownership tax revenues
- Asset contribution credits
- Capital participation
- Other mutually agreed funding mechanisms

Existing Assets Have Value

The proposal recognizes the value of existing:

- Stations
- Apparatus

- Equipment
- Property
- Emergency service infrastructure

Asset valuations may be credited toward participation requirements.

Existing taxpayer investments should be recognized as part of the solution.

Evaluation Period

CFPD recommends an initial 2–3 year evaluation period.

During that period:

- Service performance is measured.
- Financial performance is evaluated.
- Community benefits are assessed.
- Asset valuations are reviewed.
- Future funding strategies are discussed.

This allows future decisions to be based on actual performance and results.

Long-Term Financial Sustainability

If the partnership proves successful, future discussions may include:

- Revenue alignment
- Mill levy adjustments through appropriate public processes
- Capital participation
- Infrastructure planning
- Long-term service sustainability

The objective is not immediate equalization.

The objective is to create a fair path toward sustainable emergency services while recognizing existing investments already made by MCFA taxpayers.

IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

What This Agreement Does NOT Do

This proposal does NOT:

- Dissolve MCFA
- Eliminate the MCFA Board
- Eliminate local representation
- Require annexation
- Require consolidation
- Transfer governance authority

MCFA remains an independent governmental entity with its own Board, assets, taxing authority, and community representation.

Operational Responsibility Requires Operational Authority

If CFPD is responsible for providing emergency services, CFPD must retain operational authority over:

- Staffing
- Deployment
- Training
- Ambulance operations
- Fire operations
- Incident command
- Operational readiness

The organization responsible for service delivery must have authority to manage that service.

CFPD Must Protect Its Taxpayers

CFPD's first responsibility remains the residents and taxpayers of Clifton Fire Protection District.

Any agreement must ensure:

- CFPD service levels remain protected.
 - CFPD taxpayers are not financially disadvantaged.
 - Regional service obligations do not compromise district responsibilities.
 - Service responsibility aligns with financial responsibility.
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Why CFPD Needs Direction

CFPD is currently making decisions regarding:

- New station construction
- Staffing
- Ambulance deployment
- Apparatus purchases
- Capital investments

Those decisions will affect emergency services for decades.

We need to know whether MCFA wishes CFPD to continue developing this partnership.

Brian Woods spoke first and advised that they were originally looking at response times to Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District as he did not realize that MCFA had taken on COM and LEFPD to make them one operating entity. They were not looking to make a kingdom and did not really want to expand into MCFA area until but are being asked if that is possible. CFPD is already providing EMS to some of MCFA area with no financial support but this is not sustainable. So that brings the question of what solution best services the community.

Chief Cherveney spoke to the fact that CFP has 24-hour fire and EMS response. And Paramedics are five to every one EMT on their staff. They also have 2 advanced paramedics which can provide in house medical care without a 911 call or transport. They are also river rescue certified for swift water. CFPD is 100% paid and professional staff. He went on to say that with 4,400 calls annually there is a lot of experience and opportunity for ride-along for those trying to get on protocol to gain valued experience. While there are no volunteers at CFPD there is a robust part time pool of employees which can be added to if the volunteers from MCFA can meet the standards. All volunteers and community members would benefit from this solution.

Brian Woods continued that they are actively building a new station at D and 32 Road and will be moving administration to that location and hope to break ground in first quarter of 2027. The new location would provide faster response times to MCFA area than the current station. Would also look at having a satellite station in Whitewater and Downtown Clifton. CFPD went for a Safety Sales tax and 67% of the voters approved the 1% sales tax which is allowing us to create the new station, along with staff and equipment. We are currently pushing our organization to be the best organization. Partnering with CFS could possibly result in ISO improvements in this area due to the ladder truck along with our training hours. As we look at how to help, we know that the community paying for the services should be the ones getting the service and right now we are not being paid to help here; our citizens in our area are paying for your services that we provide. We will not charge more than we do to a Clifton resident to help this community. Property tax, safety tax, capitalization, our property and equipment is what will help fund the help we provide out here. We believe that a two- or three-year evaluation period of how the partnership is going before making any permanent changes would be appropriate. An agreement

with CFPD does not dissolve the COM, LEFPD, MCFA or any board of directors- those all stay in place. Staffing, training and equipment come under the care and direction of CFPD. Clifton has a responsibility to our taxpayers and we cannot continue to provide services out of our service area for free. Right now is the time to make this kind of move due to budgets being due in a couple of months, more staff needed and how that affects the budget and how big of a station do we build to meet the needs.

CFPD understands where MCFA is at, as for several years nothing was done with the capital plan and new since 2024 they have two new ambulances, a rescue boat a new engine and an Ariel with a brush truck in the works for the future. But they will not do any wild land deployment until they are sure all of their residents are totally taken care of- will not prostitute their department.

Chad Wallace asked if we enter into a contract with CFPD how long and how much trouble would it be to terminate the contract? No trouble and there is an out, it can be a 30-day notice and whatever we make it.

Wayne advised that they met with GJFP and PFD and they both have ideas and plans. Need to look at all the options and review them in a workshop then have an official board meeting to make an informed discussion about the future of MCFA.

Brian Woods reminded the board members that they can be held liable for negligence and not to make the discussion based on what is cheapest but rather the best solution.

It was asked if there is a place for MCFA volunteers as they have poured their heart and soul into the department. Chief Cherveney said we are proud of our part time programs and there are opportunities for the volunteers to become part time staff. There are standards that we have in place that they will have to meet in order to become staff but lots of opportunities are there.

MCFA also meet with GJFD on May 28th and they have not provided us with a proposal or idea on how to handle the current situation other than contract we are currently under.

MCFA Board of Directors also meet with PFD, Palisade Rural Fire and Town City Manager were all present. PFD, Palisade Rural want to combine with MCFA and EOMFPD and increase Mil Levy to 15 Mils to make one large district.

Rich Phillips asked if they can beat station fours time as they are shorted manned and running skinny right now. Chief Cherveney said that drive time studies show we can. We have 15 medics and are hiring another one with one more that is in school right now. Rich asked about the two to three-year integration period. Brian Woods advised this is a very high-level overview of what we can do for your board and if it is something they want to peruse will have a detailed plan before entering into an agreement.

Frank Rupp asked what does the future look like for CFPD as Grand Junction is taking away Clifton area at a rapid rate when happens when you lose that tax revenue. Brian advised not following footsteps anymore, they will not take over old developments but will go after new ones which is why we went with a sales tax rather than property tax on the last election.

Frank Rupp said that Whitewater is a bedroom community without much commercial development. We don't have a large tax revenue to develop the program we want. Can you take care of us with the resources we are bringing to the table. Could you look at making station 53 a manned station, our people, our volunteers, we don't want them to go to the way side. Courtney Griffith asked with the new station what percentage of calls will you be able to run- All of them. She asked how many times have you had to mutual aid a 3rd call. Brian said maybe 9 times a month. Brian asked Courtney how many EMTs in MCFA- she advised 11 are state certified but only one is on protocol with Mesa County.

Chad said as of 6/12/2025 we have don't really have an ASA out here. None of the stuff, none of the goals from July 2, 2025 with Palisade has been met. EMTs that were removed opted not to follow through or failed out their attempt and it is not because of the standards changed or became harder. Standards have not change since 2018 it is because of lack of leadership. We have had to mutual aid 100% of our 113 EMS calls and believes that only about 45% of the calls have had only one person respond that was on MCFA,

A member asked if they are just spinning their wheels out here- we work full time and then train to 4 hours three to four days a week.

Chad Wallace said that MCFA is going downhill and the problem is leadership- they violate protocols and the members follow. MCFA has had 14 EMTs join and then leave and in one day five of them left due to leadership and willful misconduct. If MCFA continues down this path the board is going to sued for willful neglect. In April of 2023 there was a violation of protocol and has been one about every 6 months from that point on and we have done nothing to correct it.

Wayne DeGesualdo advised that we did, we hired Chief Balke to address these issues.

Dave Upchurch heard from the town manager that Palisade in a finical fix as they lost their marijuana tax money and now, they want us to join them so they can fix their financial issue not so they can fix our issues.

Wayne DeGesualdo said that all the studies show that we need to consolidate districts to make it a county wide response team but all the districts have not done that.

Chief Cherveney said that two years ago we talked about it but was up to my neck at that time but now with new station about to happen and a great board, we are in a position to make this happen.

It was asked if the board is happy with Balke and his Leadership. Chad does not believe he is making good decisions or calls.

Rick Weber wants to address the volunteers. You are doing this from your heart and not for paycheck which means your vested and you care. This gives you a leg up and working part time with CFPD could be a great side benefit. MCFA has assets and a tax base and my wife has worked diligently to bring in new equipment to support this fire district as we are asset rich and that should help CFPD.

Brian Woods said that they may look at making this station a wildland response station but again will not prostrate our people out, our residents come first.

Rick Weber said he just wants qualified people to be able to don a mask and come in and drag his butt out of a fire if needed and thinks Clifton is a good fit for the needs of MCFA.

Dave Upchurch wants to meet up and get up to date on all the information. Murray Thiessen made a motion to have a work study group on Monday the 29th at 7pm and a Special Open board Meeting on July 7th at 7 pm to make a final decision on what plan MCFA needs to take to continue providing services to the residents. Eric Talley second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

Murray Thiessen presented the treasurer's report. We are at 50% through the year and income from tax revenue is at 30.56% from Lands Ends and 31.98% from Central Orchard Mesa but COM Income shows 103.53% due to the repayment of the lone of \$161,661.50 for the tender. Income is 63.09% for the year between the sale of vehicles, loan repayment and bank interest. Total expenses for the year are sitting at 26.7% for the year. Rich asked about the accounts being over 250K, Stacy Cox explained as they are public funds they are protected to 103% of all funds in the account. Eric Talley made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Chad Wallace seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chiefs Report

June 24, 2025

As Provided by Courtney Griffith

Personnel:

- ***We currently have 21 members. We have several applications on hold and more continue to trickle in.***

- **Our members are still doing individual training to get signed off on apparatus, pump ops, and basic skills**

EMS Update:

We currently have 1 protocolled EMTs and 4 probationary EMTs

Paulina is back on probation and has to go through a BLS version of the ALS probationary program to get back on.

Calista and Rob B have finished their IV certification class.

Calista just passed her NREMT and is in the process of getting her State certification

Rob will be testing for NREMT soon

Training:

- **For June we had**
 - **1 EMS Training covering Strokes**
 - **1 Business meeting**
 - **1 Fire Training covering fire hoses including inspection and cleaning**

Apparatus/Equipment:

- **All 3 ambulances are operating well and have completed DOT inspections**
- **Eng 51 – Mechanic finished fixing cab tilt and valve repairs. He ordered the parts to replace the gauges.**
- **Eng 52 passed the DOT inspection after exhaust and air leaks were fixed. It has a water leak that the mechanic is ordering parts for.**
- **T-51 Is waiting for a replacement light to come in so the DOT inspection can be signed off. Light is now expected to arrive at the mechanic next week**
- **B-51 passed the DOT inspection, and the mechanic got the parts to fix the leaking pump. Unfortunately, the parts didn't arrive in time for him to do it last time he was here so he will be coming out again to fix.**

The windshield fluid line is broken and we are fixing it

- **B-53 has a water leak coming from a weld on the drop at the bottom of the water tank. We found a company that can fix it but we need to raise the tank about 2 inches for the repairs to be completed. Members are working on removing the decking on the top of the truck the tank can be raised. It is currently waiting on a replacement light so the DOT can be signed off.**
- **R-51 After talking to the plastic repair company, we found out that some of the baffles in the tank are also busted out along with the top not being repairable. The**

tank can hold water but the damaged baffles are a safety concern. Courtney is working on a quote for a new tank.

- Eng-51 & R-51 are the only apparatus still waiting for their DOT inspections

Paulina and Courtney re-wired the UTV trailer so that it now back in service with the UTV for calls off road in the district.

Station 52 is empty of everything but a few items. We just need to move the old engine over to Station 53 and get rid of the old mattresses that were left by former members.

Members are working on cleaning the floor and getting the building ready to turn back over to the county

Chief and several members worked on Station 53 on June 22 and got most of the downstairs bay area cleaned up.

A backflow preventer was installed on Station 53 on Monday 6/23/25 as required by Clifton Water. The corroded pipes were also repaired.

As Provided by Charles K. Balke

- Phase I of the MOU is set to expire on June 30, 2025. A draft extension has been provided for consideration. If accepted we will initiate Phase II which entails the following:
 - Assigning of a Paramedic Lieutenant from Palisade as the EMS Coordinator who will oversee the EMS Division, He will coordinate with other agencies on getting probationary EMS providers in for protocol rides and working with them on their task books.
 - The restructuring of the organizational roles and responsibilities in efforts to decrease the task saturation. This will be partially based on qualifications, experience, and industry knowledge.
 - Establishing and implementing daily/weekly/monthly inspection programs.
 - Overseeing the required apparatus and equipment testing and inspections.
 - Providing justifications for and making approved equipment replacement

- We received email notification that the Mesa County Emergency Manager and EMS staff would be recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to deny our application for ambulance licensing. After discussions with Board President Wayne DeGesualdo, it was agreed that it was in the best interest of MCFA to voluntarily pull our application until such time as we could mitigate the concerns of the MC EM and EMS Staff.
- I am starting the preliminary process of applying for a SAFER Grant which would provide three years of funding for staffing. There is a tight window to apply and there is a lower probability due to our call volume. If awarded this would not take place until 2027.
- I have started working on a draft budget proposal for 2026 with justifications for each line item. This will be ready to be presented in July. This will have recommendations for consideration.
- Working on a formal annual training schedule with an August implementation. This will provide a forward-looking plan for member development. It will incorporate the current on-line training program and an in-person/hands-on skills training.
- The determination of which apparatuses are essential to the organization's operations and which if any need to be released from service.

Letter to the board of Directors from Chief Balke

Board of Directors,

I apologize for not being able to attend tonight's board meeting, but I did want to provide additional information and response considering recent social media and board member comments and outside attempts to rile up the community. This is not an attempt to make excuses for the delays in re-establishing the ambulance service, but rather to share the reality of the current struggles we have been working to overcome.

I realize there are a wide range of frustrations due to the recent limitations of the ambulance service for the Mesa County Fire Authority. It is true that we have been forced to rely solely on mutual aid from both Grand Junction Fire Department and Clifton Fire Protection District to respond for medical calls and patient transport for a little over a year. This is not due to a lack of attempts or desire to resolve the situation but rather it is due to two main factors. The first being the availability of people able to give extra time from their busy lives. In a small rural community, there are fewer people that have that type of availability, especially with no real financial support.

The second factor is the actual time it takes to get individuals trained and through the protocol process. This often requires people to take time away from work, which means loss of income and time away from family. Ultimately, people today simply can't afford to volunteer. It is not the same now as it was twenty or even ten years ago when people could leave their jobs. The

fact is, twenty years ago we could rely more on those that had ranching and/or agricultural jobs that allowed more flexibility. I have heard firsthand that even those with these careers with long family history now struggle to find workers that will show up.

I have also heard that we have not made any improvements in the past year and all I and/or the Town of Palisade are doing is taking money from the taxpayers. I have reported on the many improvements made during the past year. While many of the improvements and/or changes are not readily visible to those who only look to criticize, I wanted to provide a reminder of the things that have been accomplished.

1. First and foremost, I must compliment the dedication of our members. When I first came onboard there were several names on the roster. That's all it was, names. We have revamped the roster of members. We now have a membership consisting of dedicated individuals that have given of their time to attend training so they can safely perform a wide variety of fire/medical services to the community and be able to go home to their family at the end of someone else's emergency. Some of these individuals have brought their own skillset to the organization to aid in vehicle maintenance and repair.
2. We have performed various risk assessments of the apparatus, equipment, training, and other areas of the organization to determine where our gaps and weaknesses are. From those assessments we have started addressing them head on. We have revamped our apparatus maintenance program, equipment maintenance program, and fire training. Based on this we have replaced our four-gas meters, ordered new attack hose, ordering new personal protective equipment (grant funded), we have implemented a weekly and monthly inspection program, and created an organizational inventory and tracking program. We will be re-implementing annual testing of critical equipment utilizing qualified third-party companies.
3. We took the majority of the members to the two local water storage locations and performed training on how to access those using water tenders. This is critical training for the members in the event of a fire in the remote areas of our jurisdiction. We tested a system that had a large financial and time investment. It also provided an opportunity to test the capabilities of our water tenders.
4. I have worked to update numerous state and federal accounts to reflect current administration bringing the organization into compliance. There were names listed on state and federal accounts dating back before the merger.
5. We have gone through each of the stations and have purged a significant amount of outdated, non-compliant and unusable items. This has allowed us to prioritize what equipment and apparatus are able to remain in use and what we need to replace.
6. We have created a partnership with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on their Community Education Program and with their Regional Training Program.
7. Based on comments from board members and members of the public from meetings early in the year, I had put together proposals that addressed apparatus needs and staffing needs. We posted for part-time members and had received several applications from qualified individuals that would have assisted in regaining the ambulance service to only be reversed as a subsequent meeting. Upon hearing of that action, those applicants have since rescinded their applications citing they were not applying for

- volunteer positions or that the actions of the Board showed they were not ready for such a change in staffing.
8. We have secured a contract with a qualified and certified Plans Reviewer to fill the void of the retiring previous individual.
 9. Have worked diligently with the Mesa County Planning Department and area fire departments on the new State Mandated Wildfire Resiliency Code. Due to our geographic area, it is different than other jurisdictions. It is not a cut and paste process.
 10. I continually apply for state and local grants with moderate success.

Again, this is a snapshot of the current efforts and activities that have taken place. As for MCFA paying the Town of Palisade there is a contract in place for a monthly payment of \$2,000 to reimburse the use of Town of Palisade apparatus, equipment and provide reimbursement for my time spent working on MCFA tasks taking time away from duties with the Palisade Fire Department.

I realize the Board of Directors will have to determine what actions are in the best interest of the community and I hope it is recognized that the members of MCFA have not taken their expectations lightly nor have we ignored our responsibility to the community.

What many people fail to recognize is that the volunteer fire service is not the same as it was ten or twenty years ago. The legal requirements alone for structured training has increased dramatically and the liability placed on everyone involved at all levels is higher than it has ever been. Volunteer members can no longer simply hop on an apparatus and go to a call without formal training. Apparatus cannot solely rely on the backyard mechanic. Single-income families are a rarity which limits the availability of people to give away their time

Calls

31 calls in the last 4 weeks and only one of the calls were without at least one staff member from MCFA.

Taryn M. asked how safe is it with only one staff member responding and what measures are you taking to keep ourself and others safe. Courtney advised she is the one that normally runs solo and is a senior officer and know what she is risking when she goes out. New member are not allowed to respond without a senior officer.

Community Events/Meetings:

none

Other Matters before the Board:

Stacy Cox advised that Alpine must have at least one transaction a year other than interest in order to keep the account from going dormant. She deposited a dollar donation into the account. Blackflow must be tested and results turned into Clifton water district by end of June. Two gas cards have been compromised and closed- Amb 51 and Squad 52. Exempt from audit was approved.

Wayne advised it is our goal, the boards goal, to provide the best service to our citizens and what is happening is not a surprise. All the paid studies over the years have pointed to one county wide response to best serve Mesa County as a whole.

Town of Palisade/Rural Palisade would like to have a meeting or work-study group with MCFA also.

Wayne advised he is happy to open up discussion and see what is offered.

Public Comment:

Frank Rupp spoke about the mutual aid efforts on the fire that MCFA just had and how Courtney was able to save the house. It was asked why Palisade was requested but Clifton was not asked for when they are the closer unit. Courtney said it was because she knew that Palisade had a wildland team in house and was available and that Clifton had been busy with other calls.

Adjournment of meeting

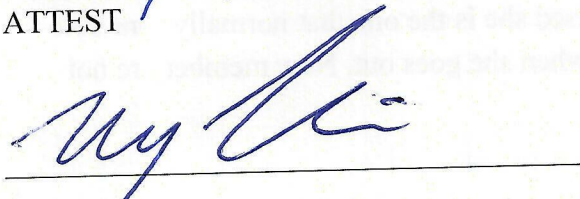
Chad Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Upchurch seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Next Board Meeting is July 7, 2026 at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox
Administrative Assistant
Mesa County Fire Authority


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