

GEM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2 BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026, 7 pm – OLA FIRE STATION

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- 1) 7:03 pm Bev Martin called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Bev Martin, Kim Zemaitis, Patrick Cowan, Jim Heikes, Jennifer Weston, Matt Weston, Sharon Pratt, Jim Anderson, Dennis Weaver, Tim Buckendahl, and Phil Zemaitis.

- 2) (Action) Approve meeting minutes for July 2026

➤ Bev motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Kim seconds, all in favor

- 3) COMMISSIONER REPORT: Chairman Harvey Church
Not present

- 4) COMMISSIONER REPORT: Bev Martin
Trying to find a 4-door truck since we received a license plate for a truck we cannot locate. The truck is a 1969. Discussion ensued regarding the truck. Jim Heikes will look in Sweet. The insurance documents indicate we do not own this vehicle.

Alan Hermanson has approved the ingress/egress document. Bev read the changes to the document.

➤ Bev moves to approve the easement agreement. Kim seconds. All favor.

Crown Point has approved the agreement and paid the district \$3,200 in rent.

Bev received a request from the Gem County Sheriff's posse to use our facility for meetings and trainings. Jim Heikes authorized the use of the facilities.

- 5) COMMISSIONER REPORT: Kim Zemaitis
Selling raffle tickets for \$10 or 5 for \$45 until September 19th.

- 6) FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Jim Heikes
Most calls were medical and one search and rescue on the river.
968 was taken for tire repair.
905 and 928 lights for amber lights.
Working on the fund raiser for September 19th.

952 does not have plates.

Brandy Parker resigned as the president of the foundation.

Discussion ensued about the renaming of the foundation and providing better language tying it the Fire District.

The District received the license plate grant money.

- Bev makes a motion to spend \$1000 from the license plate grant for a computer to be purchase by Jennifer Weston and software. Kim seconds. All in favor.

IDL grant money.

- Bev motion to expend the money by the end of the fiscal year. Kim seconds the motion. All in favor.

Jim had Sheb Church get a quote for four mobile truck radios and two handheld radios, with accessories. Quote is \$7,707.34. We can also program some of the radios \$40.00 per radio.

7) (Action) Pay Bills & Approve expenses as needed

- Bev made a motion to terminate Poppy Darby doing the driveways as of August 2026 and pay Ms. Darby for the 12 driveways she has already completed at \$100 per driveway. Jim will take over the driveways. Kim seconds. All in favor.

Bills paid:

5/12/2026	3543	MES	Coupling Tool Kit	\$345.31
6/6/2026	3544	Valley Pump	Parts	\$39.11
6/30/2026	3545	White Peterson	Legal	\$1,033.50
7/1/2026	3547	Verizon	Cell Phone	\$63.31
7/14/2026	3554	Idaho Press	Budget Publication	\$184.70
7/31/2026	3555	NAPA Auto Parts	Parts	\$40.95
8/1/2026	3556	Patrick Cowan	Secretary	\$225.00
8/1/2026	3557	Poppy Darby	Consultant	\$450.00
8/12/2026	3558	State of Idaho	Surplus Equipment	\$100.00

- Bev made a motion to pay the bills. Kim seconds. All in favor.

8) (Action) Public Hearing 2026-27 Published Budget (2-minute public comment)

Open the public comment period at 8:35 pm.

Bev explained the differences in budget for the 2026-27 year versus current year. Matt Weston asked about the grant money received.

Jim Heikes expressed concern regarding moving items in the budget.
Move to close the hearing for the budget

➤ Bev moves to approve the budget. Kim seconds. All in favor.

9) (Action) Driveway Responsibility
Jim has taken over the driveway responsibility.

10) (Action) Verizon Telephone responsibility
Jim is working on the Verizon on setting up the account transfer.

11) (Action) Annexation Workgroup
Tabled

12) (Action) Commissioner to Adjourn the meeting
9:00 pm Bev adjourns the meeting. Kim seconds. All in favor.