



Blue Ridge Fire District

Public Hearing Blue Ridge Fire District

August 15, 2026

10:00 AM

Minutes

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 10:12 by Chair Mike Bourne
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members: Mike Bourne, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott and Casey Samsill in attendance, Brian Alexander absent
4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda
Linda Moved and Casey 2nd motion to adopt the agenda
Motion passed unanimously
5. Call to the Public

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: ARS 38-431.01 (H)

A public body may make an open call to the public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for

Shawn Miller: concerns about cost, and will apparatus be staged closer?

3.75% tax rate based on county assessments; the average cost is at the bottom of the suppression subscription minus the 1.5 on the webpage. Average is @ \$500+.

Old HJ Fire building is on NF land, and an agreement has not been reached at this time.

Will ???...is there an alternate plan if use of HJ building isn't approved? Yes, part of strategic plan but that's in the future.

Paul Fortun??? Condition of that building? Casey responded facility is in pretty good condition but needs work. Water there? Water is hauled to a storage.

Ryan: Average response time? Chief: Google map estimates response time

Paul F. The old HJ facility, how will it be manned? Chief: Must be permitted 1st, has been in the work for a year and still in process. Apparatus staging, and water, volunteers, etc., all variables.

??? Now annexation dependent upon BRFD Board and county.

Gail Lusk: explained motivation for her leadership role in annexation process.

Carla Gonzales: Do we have to cut all trees? Laurie: No... firewise is a community decision. However, might want to make sure driveways are accessible to the biggest apparatus.

Russ Mueller: Finance question...Mike answered.

Sherrie??? Thanks for signing the petition. House sales should benefit, homeowners' insurance.

Medical billing: in the district vs. outside of the district. Chief responded.

Chief: also applies to highway accidents. Non taxpayers pay a bill.

Ken Ingraham: in support of annexation

??? Helicopter service? BRFD doesn't own one, but there is a pad at the station. Billing is separate.

Shawn??? Unit 6 not in district yet

How will we know when things happen? At the end of the meeting today.

Mary Simmons: Thank you to Sherrie and Gail for their hard work in pushing this through.

6. Discussion and possible action to order the change of the Blue Ridge Fire District boundaries to include Clear Creek Pines 3&7.
Casey moved and Laurie 2nd to order the annexation of Clear Creek Pines 3&7
Motion passed unanimously.
7. Adjournment
Linda moved and Casey 2nd motion to adjourn the meeting
Motion passed unanimously at 10:58
Respectfully submitted, Laurie Hawke, Clerk of the Board