

APPROVED MINUTES
Central Emergency Services Area
Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025

- A. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
- B. Election of Board Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary**
- Mr. Linn made a MOTION to nominate the board officers as is. Mr. Hale seconded. Mr. Kapp remain Chair, Mr. Linn remain Vice Chair, and Mr. Hale remain Secretary. All accepted the positions. No further discussion or objections. MOTION passed.
- C. Roll Call and Introductions:**
- Present:** Ralph Linn, Ryan Kapp, Steve Tachick, Marty Hall, and Gary Hale
- Absent:**
- Guest Present:**
- Staff Present:** Chief Roy Browning, Deputy Chief Dan Grimes, Fire Marshal Chuck Roney, Jen VanHoose, and B-Shift.
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hale made a MOTION to approve the 10.16.25 agenda. Mr. Hall seconded. MOTION passed.
- E. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Hall made a MOTION to approve the 05.15.25 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Tachick seconded. Mr. Hall commented that he is thankful for the detailed minutes. MOTION passed.
- F. Presentation:**
- G. Chief's Report:**
- May 20th – CES Budget Presentation to the Assembly
 - Fire Station Construction Update – Exterior prep before winter, concrete, pavement, window. Interior. On week 64 and on FF & E. Will schedule another tour in the next few months.
 - May 23rd – Sr. Captain Promotions: Shawn Killian and Matt Tegerdine
 - July 18th – Captain Promotions: Nate Nelson and Joe Kruse
 - June 30th – State Forestry Wildland Deployment Update: 14 days in Denali/Healy area.
 - July 21st – Sterling Tanker Update: Final inspection was in Bradenton, FL.
 - July 31st – Mobile Crisis Team – CPH – Matt Conner for Mental Health Emergencies
 - New Hire Process: National Testing Network, 25 applications, 8 hired.
 - KPC – Paramedic Grant Update: Engineer Louis Yoder and Firefighter Zach Byler returned from their externship in Houston.
 - KPC – Paramedic Grant: Fall Semester, Firefighter Joe Halstead and Firefighter Anthony Long.
 - Engineer Dan Turner resignation.
 - Engineer Chris Cushman resignation, relocating to Fairbanks.
 - Submitted request to Finance/Mayor for schedule change to 48/96.
 - New Fire Station – FD History Committee: Historical items for design of lobby wall and display cases. Looking for one board member to be on the committee, currently have Al Phillips, Leslie Quellend, Dave Donald, Tom Newby, and Tim Weekley.
- Operation's Report:**
- Call volume year to date: 2,483 calls for service – decrease of 4% from last year.

- Boat 952 and trailer were sold at the auction this spring/summer for \$4,050.00
- Thanks to Training Officer Craig, Engineer Caleb Lambe, and Captain Nate Nelson for their work on building and teaching our first ever in-house Swiftwater Rescue Technician course. Well done to the students, Sr. Capt. Shawn Killian, FF Nicole Michael, FF Logan Niemann, FF Matt Meade, Engineer Traye Turner, FF Carson Ratky, Engineer Chris Cushman, Capt. Matt Lazaros, and Engineer Adam Bell, and for putting in the time and a lot of work to make our community safer.
- CES had a fairly quiet wildland season, with the largest fire event being an approximately 10-acre fire south of town on July 4th that required significant resources from CES and State Forestry to include helicopter water drops and two retardant aircraft deployments. The fire included CES resources for several operational periods before it was declared out. We also deployed our CES Wildland team to the Bear Creek Fire near Anderson, Alaska through a resource request from State Forestry where they were assigned Initial Attack and Structural protection roles. Thanks to Engineer Carson Cavner, Engineer Nick Murdock, and Senior Captain Reed Quinton for taking on that assignment.
- CES had a great turnout for our 9/11 memorial and retiree breakfast in September. Thanks to all that assisted with the event; the duty crews, spouses, and Board Member Ryan Kapp for providing historical materials.
- Workgroups and committees are being rolled out, with several already having met and established protocols and workflow, to include the EMS committee, and Apparatus/Equipment Committee and Tech Rescue/Spec Ops Committee meeting soon.
- CES Awards Ceremony will be Saturday, October 25th, at 4 pm at the Peninsula Sportscenter.
- Station 4 received a new leach field, septic system, and apparatus bay wastewater disposal system this summer. Substantial completion on August 15th and ADEC approval on August 25th.
- CES Fire Officer I Class graduated 6 students. Congratulations to Zach Byler, Joe Kruse, Brennan Leslie, Nate Nelson, Logan Niemann, and Louis Yoder for their time and commitment.
- CES was able to bring on Jason Bucho to provide handyman services, and is working on quotes for numerous deferred maintenance issues in our stations that we were previously unable to obtain contractors for.
- During the summer an email went out regarding Truck 991, that is in the fall auction for surplus.

H. Fire Marshal Report:

- Fire Prevention Month with 6 tours of the station so far this month.
- Received a donation from State Farm with Lithium Battery Safety Awareness materials.
- Had Rosie out at 2-3 events including Surviving and Thriving at CPH and a SoHi Volleyball Fundraiser/Cancer Awareness event.
- Distributed Cancer Awareness shirts to the duty crews to wear during October for Cancer Awareness Month.
- Tsalteshi Spooktacular event on October 26th, will see 200-300 kids for that.

I. Finance Report: 71.3% of the fiscal year is remaining. Regular wages are up due to vacancies. This balances with overtime wages. Mr. Hale asked about the fuel budget remaining and Administration fee, questions answered.

J. Unfinished Business:

K. New Business:

1. 2026 Legislative Priorities – Last year we asked for a Fill-Site/Maintenance Facility at Arc Loop that would house a reserve training apparatus and a backup SCBA compressor with septic system for restrooms. We asked for \$5 million but it was not funded. Would like to ask for that once again. It will also create an insurance savings for homeowners within the ISO range of the fill-site. Discussed supplemental funding options.

L. Public Comment:

M. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Hale asked for an update on the Sterling Highway Road construction. Chief Browning gave an update.

Mr. Hall appreciates the board schedule with summer off and the continued diligence with watching over the new station and for relaying construction updates. Is thankful for serving on this board.

Mr. Tachick thanks the staff for the excellent job on keeping them informed and up to date.

Mr. Linn echoed what Mr. Hall said. Thanks to the election for putting us on the board. Fielded a lot of calls with campaign offers. Looking forward to the next station tour.

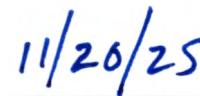
Mr. Kapp discussed a tour of the station with John Hedges and asked Jen to reach out to Mr. Hedges and K & A Architects to schedule a tour around the noon hour in the next few weeks and asked that Mr. Hedges come to the November meeting. Also asked about meeting with Legal, Finance, Mayor, CESA Board, and Planning Department regarding plans for current Station 1 and Station 2.

Next Board Meeting Date, Time, and Place: The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at So Prep.

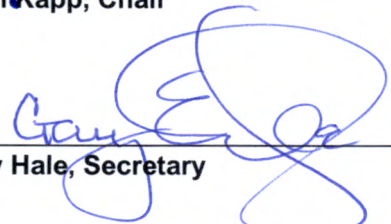
N. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.



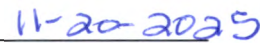
Ryan Kapp, Chair



Date



Gary Hale, Secretary



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