

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED MINUTES

Kuna Rural Fire District
Regular Meeting June 10, 2026

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hale called the regular meeting of the Kuna Rural Fire District Board of Commissioners to order on June 10, 2026, at 10:04 AM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioner Dawn Hale, Commissioner Halie Cavanagh, Commissioner Rebekah Luther, and Commissioner Robert Hilpert, and Commissioner Carrera Atkinson.

Additional individuals present included Attorney Marc Bybee, Bill Gigray (virtually), Chief TJ Lawrence, Assistant Chief James Trumble, Executive Assistant Denise Warburton, Assistant of Administration Kristin DeRoos, and members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda as printed and posted. Seconded by Commissioner Cavanagh. Approved unanimously.

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 13, 2026
- Approval of the Financial Reports including Budget Position Report YTD, approval of bills, accounts payable
- Confirmation of ordinary and Necessary expenditures made during the month
- Confirmation of investment of certified funds as recommended by the Treasurer

PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION

Several community members spoke in support of consolidation, citing:

- Improved emergency response capabilities.
- Better staffing opportunities.
- Increased operational efficiency.
- Enhanced long-term sustainability and service delivery.

Speakers included:

- Gary Artsten
- Kurt Zingheim
- Bobby Rosadilla
- Jill Edwards

- Benjamin Sterling
- Matt Graham

The Board also acknowledged:

- One email supporting continued exploration of consolidation.
- One email opposing consolidation, citing concerns regarding taxation, local control, and impacts on future community infrastructure needs.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Trumble

- Swiftwater rescue training and recertification activities are scheduled this month.
- Three driver trainers will attend certification training next month.
- The district is nearing full wildland deployment certification compliance.
- School inspections have been completed.
- Commercial business inspections will begin this month.
- Fire Marshal operations have been consolidated into a single software platform for improved scheduling and tracking.

Incident Statistics for May 2026:

- 198 incidents
- 210 unit responses
- 108 medical calls
- 14 fire incidents

Recent significant wildfire responses were discussed, including incidents near:

- Cloverdale and Kuna Mora Road
- Pleasant Valley
- The Idaho State Correctional facility area

Chief Lawrence highlighted a successful structure fire response on 4th Street, noting crews effectively limited damage.

Chief TJ Lawrence

Station 2 Construction Update:

- Window delivery is expected imminently.
- Electrical and HVAC installation are underway.
- Interior sheetrock installation is expected within two weeks.
- Construction remains on schedule for an October opening.

Equipment and Staffing Update:

- The district's new SCBA filling system has been installed and tested.
- Firefighter vacancy has been filled by William Walden.
- No employees are currently out due to injury.

Local 4165 Report, Matt Graham, President

- No report

Attorney's Report:

Marc Bybee

- The district court ruled in favor of the City regarding the Diode Ventures-related litigation.
- The appeal period remains open.
- Ongoing HR-related matters continue to be addressed.

Bill Gigray

Development Impact Fees:

- New state legislation allows fire districts to establish their own impact fees by ordinance beginning July 1, 2026.
- A district advisory committee will be established to review the Capital Improvement Plan and provide recommendations.
- Public hearings are anticipated later this summer.

JS Solar Annexation and Service Agreement:

- Draft agreements have been submitted for review.
- Work continues on establishing out-of-district service fee structures and related agreements.

Policy Updates:

- Minor policy revisions will be presented at a future meeting to address legislative changes.

Idaho State Fire Commissioner Association Report, Rebekah Luther, Commissioner

- No report

Ada County-City EMS System ("ACCESS") Update, Carrera Atkins, Commissioner

- The budget has been approved.
- The next update is expected following the next quarterly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSOLIDATED ANNEXATION PETITIONS FOR JS SOLAR, LLC (Cases #26-01, #26-02, #26-03, #26-04, #26-05)

- Commissioner Hale made a motion to continue the public hearing for the annexation of JS Solar to June 10th at 10 AM. Commissioner Luther seconded it.

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH NEXT STEPS ON CONSOLIDATION PLANNING

The Board discussed authorizing expenditures associated with:

- GIS mapping
- Legal services
- Public outreach
- Town hall preparation

Discussion included clarification that:

- Kuna's share of costs would be capped at \$16,000.
- Actual expenditures are expected to be less than originally projected.

Rebekah Luther moved to approve expenditures not to exceed \$16,000 for consolidation-related mapping, public outreach, and planning activities. Carrera Atkinson seconded.
Approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Luther made a motion and Commissioner Cavanagh seconded the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(b) to evaluate, dismiss, or discipline an employee or hear complaints.

Verbal Roll Call:

Commissioner Dawn Hale – yes

Commissioner Halie Cavanagh – yes

Commissioner Rebekah Luther – yes

Commissioner Robert Hilpert – yes

Also in attendance were Attorneys, Marc Bybee, Chief Lawrence

Started at 10:31 AM

Ended at 10:55 AM

Commissioner Hale reported that no action was taken by the Commissioners in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

- The Commissioners discussed the Consolidation and what the next steps would be and how it would affect Kuna's representation.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Commissioner Luther made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Cavanagh seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.