

**Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society Meeting  
Minutes**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
Held at the Daysland Fire Station

Members

Present:	Rick Kryz, Councilor – Chairman	Town of Killam
	Lori Lindseth, Councilor - Board Member	Flagstaff County
	Leslie Ganshirt, Mayor – Secretary (Online)	Village of Alliance
	Butch Robinson, Councilor - Board Member	Town of Daysland
	Tom Bahm, Councilor – Board Member	Town of Sedgewick
	Brett Baumgartner, Mayor – Board Member	Town of Hardisty
	Alexis Ponto, Councilor – Board Member	Flagstaff County
	Brandon Martz, Mayor – Board Member	Village of Heisler

Others: Derek Homme, Regional Manager/Fire Chief FRESS

Regrets: Dwayne Giroux, Deputy Mayor – Deputy Chair Village of Forestburg  
Shaun Sieben, Mayor- Board Member Village of Loughheed

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kryz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution # 20260001.1080**

**Moved By:** Councilor Lindseth

THAT we accept the agenda as presented for March 25, 2026 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution # 20260002.1081**

**Moved By:** Councilor Bahm

THAT the minutes from the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society Meeting Feb. 25, 2026, be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.0 BUSINESS**

**4.1 FINANCIAL REPORT – to March 31, 2026**

A copy of the Financial Report – February 28, 2026, is hereto attached and form a part of these minutes.

**Resolution #20260005.1082**

**Moved By:** Mayor Martz

TO accept the financial report to February 28, 2026, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Deputy Chief Hire**

Kevin Luntz has been hired as the Regional Deputy Chief with a start date of May 1. Thank you to the hiring committee Mayor Sieben and Councilor Bahm for all their help with the interview/hiring process. With this change, there will be a change in Forestburg Station with the officer assignments.

**5.0 OPERATIONS REPORT**

**5.1 1001 TRAINING PROGRAM 2026 CLASS**

- There are 25 FRESS members from across the Flagstaff Region who are enrolled in the 1001 training program. Next weekend is April 11-13 in Killam with testing May 1-3 in Hanna.

## 5.2 OPERATIONS UPDATE

- Joe K & Kevin L. going to Texas Fire School with Cenovus/Husky to train for Industrial Response. All expenses paid by the oil company like last year.
- Derks in receivership. This will have a big impact on our industry as they were a big supplier of uniforms.
- Mapping for dispatch, I will work with municipalities for the GIS mapping update for Strathcona. EG. New house builds/streets etc.
- Got \$5224 grant for training of 18K asked for. Sounds like same for all departments around Alberta
- Fire Rates Review Discussion w/Examples from our neighboring municipalities.
- New rate April 1 for Alberta Transportation \$760/hr. for Rescue/Engines including personnel.
- 7 Calls in March so far, 1 MVC, 1FA, 5 Medical Aid. Last year in March we had 19. Just shows the up/down nature of fire services. 7 Calls in Feb last year, this year 17. Rule of 3's shows up so much....
- Going to an Alberta Wildfire Mutual Aid meeting tomorrow in Red Deer. Then our Provincial Rep will be here April 15 to do our annual meeting/visit.
- Fireball April 18 In Sedgewick.

### **Resolution #20260006.1083**

**Moved By:** Councilor Robinson

TO accept the operation report as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6.0 Correspondence

- No Correspondence to review

## 7.0 Next Meeting Date Change from April 29 to April 22. Will be held in Heisler.

## 8.0 FRESS Annual Meeting/2025 Financial Review will be Held June 24 at Hardisty Station.

## 9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

**Regular Meeting** – April 22 at Heisler Station.

## 10.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kryns adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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President (Chair)

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Recording Secretary