

Vergas-CDH Fire Board Meeting Briefing

Meeting held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 7 pm, at the Vergas Fire Hall

A special meeting held to further discuss and approve whether to go with solar on the Fire Hall.

Griffen Peck, WCI, and Ben Holsen, Holson Solar were guests to provide an overview and address questions for the Fire Board.

Griffen Peck provided handout information and provided an overview of the building energy analysis. The Fire Hall would have 50 kWDC/40 kWAC, reflecting 80% of energy use. Total Cost \$110,356 and after \$88,125 in incentives; the cost would be \$22,231. (OTPC POP Rebate at \$55,078 and IRS 30% ITC tax credit at \$33,047). Anticipate ROI and positive cashflow in 5 years, with lifetime 30 year savings of \$123,547.

Ben Holsen noted after the building assessment the size would be 84 panels. Would be the steel roof and not the roof with shingles. Anticipate a 12 week time frame with 6-8 week preparing, 2 week construction, 2-3 week inspectors that are specific to solar. Looking to have done this year, weather permitting.

After discussion and questions addressed, the Fire Board approved unanimously to install solar on the fire hall. Also voted unanimously to have City of Vergas serve as the fiscal agent with WCI.

Jeff Zitzow provided an update that the construction of the parking lot and wall will be after looney days. Also noted proceeding with refurbishing of the 2 tanker trucks. Will be paid for by the Relief fund and truck fund. No further funds being requested of the Fire Board.

The Fire Board will next meet on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6pm at the Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
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