

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
September 10, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 10, 2026 at Fire Station 7 in Meyers.

ROLL CALL

Director Rice called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. There were present the following directors: Rice, Kaelin, Cain, and Henderson. Director Hogan was not in attendance. Chief McNamara and Lake Valley personnel were present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the agenda of September 10, 2026 with two corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR August 13, 2026

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for August 13, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Captain Nerdahl shared that Director Kaelin is now a Great Aunt to a baby boy. Congratulations Engineer Heng and his family!

The women of the Tahoe chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented artwork and letters to Lake Valley personnel to honor and remember the sacrifices made everyday in honor of the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Maya Schnieder of Marshall Hospital spoke about the Measure S “El Dorado Ready” initiative and what its passing could mean for both Marshall and Lake Valley Fire. Retired Captain Tim Cordero also added they would love to add the district’s endorsement to the website.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan shared that the FY2024-2025 Audit is nearing completion and there doesn't appear to be any major issues. Chief McNamara shared that Executive Director Ryan Wagoner used the East Fork Fire contract as a template for the JPA Contract, and it is currently being reviewed by Alpine County. He added that Kirkwood's General Manager is now aware of the situation. Director Cain suggested that a letter be sent from the JPA to the Kirkwood community homeowners. Director Kaelin said it could be discussed at the next JPA meeting on October 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 2026-10 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DELEGATED SHORT FORM LEASE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR A PORTION OF FIRE STATION 5

Chief McNamara shared that the new lease will have a built in escalator, a guaranteed spot in the app bay for storage of a Lake Valley vehicle if no other options are available, all utilities, janitorial services/ snow removal and station maintenance will be paid for by Cal Fire. A motion was made by Director Cain, and seconded by Director Kaelin, to approve Resolution 2026-10. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Resolution 2026-11 AUTHORIZING A THIRTY-SIX MONTH FLEET TELEMATICS AND VEHICLE SAFETY AGREEMENT WITH SAMSARA INC., AND APPROVING A COST-SHARING ALLOCATION WITH THE AMBULANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Chief McNamara stated that there is no cost for the equipment, which will be installed by Fleet Manager Sessions, and the cost of the agreement is for the software and cloud storage. The JPA will help to offset cost by paying a share for the devices mounted on the ambulances, which will be mounted on the back of the ambulance as they are most commonly hit from behind. The devices on the engines and other apparatus will be mounted on the front, and there is no audio recording. Chief McNamara stated that when the district started the devices as a trial there was a side letter with the Union, which will be expanded to a formal policy, and that the purpose of these devices is not to catch anyone in the wrong or to go "fishing" and video will only be pulled with just

cause. A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Henderson to approve Resolution 2026-11. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Chief McNamara shared the property tax revenue estimate came in with a 4.2% increase from last year, the District received an additional \$100,000 in interest revenue, and as a result almost every budget request was fully funded, and by the end of the year the District should be able to put back as much into reserves as is being taken out. A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the final budget for FY2026-2027. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE District Year to Date Profit and Loss Statement for July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan stated that the reports will look a little different than prior years due to the new Quickbooks system. She also added that the budget is not yet in Quickbooks, but the next meeting's report should show the budget to actual comparison. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the year to date profit and loss statement through August 31st, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

- **Local 4409**
No Report.
- **Firefighters Foundation**
No Report.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief McNamara shared that he will be attending and speaking at the American Legion 9/11 remembrance event. Next month he plans to have reports that show overtime breakdowns by reason. He gave kudos to Fleet Manager Andrew Sessions for stepping up to help Tahoe Douglas FPD, one of their engines broke down over Labor Day weekend while both their mechanics were away. Lastly he added that he will be attending a meeting with Jill Gard of South Lake Tahoe Dispatch as well as Camino Dispatch to review the recent fatal call of the off-duty Sheriff's Deputy that died. The call took place in the area between our district and Placerville and could have gone smoother, although the outcome would not have changed.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**

No additional report.

- **Prevention**

No additional report.

- **Training**

No additional report.

- **Fuels Division**

BC Goldberg apologized for not having a report as he returned from a Strike Team the day reports were due, and promised a robust report for the October meeting.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve district payroll for pay period 17, August 14, 2026 for \$228,526.76 and pay period 18, August 28, 2026 for \$327,564.41. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the bills paid for August 20, 2026 for \$603.52, and August 28, 2026 \$87,246.94. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes