

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
July 9, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on July 9, 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 Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of July 9, 2026 with no changes. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR June 11, 2026

A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the regular minutes for June 11, 2026. Director Cain abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Retired Fire Chief Tim Cordero talked about the El Dorado Ready Initiative that would be a 3/8th cent tax and would help offset the costs of the state-mandated seismic building improvements for Marshall Hospital. The Initiative would also provide funding to fire agencies. He is trying to help gather support for the initiative and add as many fire agency names to the website as they can gather.

Donnarae Reynolds thanked Chief McNamara, Brian Pierce, and Wade Corbett for the 4th of July parade and for attending the Black Bart neighborhood barbecue.

Leona Allen updated the Board that the Forest Service is interested in looking into options for the Luther Pass Campground. Currently they have volunteers informing people at the campground, additional engines patrolling the area, and a trail crew living at the campground.

Beth Symons shared that she has worked with the El Dorado Community Foundation to set up a reimbursement grant account for people in El Dorado County setting up Firewise neighborhoods. She stated at current, it is her, Martin Goldberg, and Leona Allen, and she would like to include businesses, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and Lake Valley Fire. She asked if Lake Valley would take on the role of Point of Contact.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan shared that she will no longer be splitting her time between Lake Valley and the JPA, as the JPA has hired a new Office Administrator. Chief McNamara stated that the response model to Alpine County has changed, and there will be no response unless there are 3 available medic units. He also stated that he has received a copy of East Fork Fire's agreement which shows that Alpine County pays them a flat fee annually for all their responses.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve the Professional Services Agreement Between Lake Valley Fire Protection District and Dudek and Authorize the Fire Chief to Execute the Agreement and Any Non-Substantive Amendments

BC Goldberg stated he would answer any questions regarding the agreement. He stated that the whole grant is about \$300,000 and this agreement consumes roughly two-thirds of that, but there is also indirect cost recovery built in, as well as cost recovery for the accountant and legal expenses. A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson. 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 gave kudos to Andrew Sessions for getting the old Mack engine ready for the 4th of July Parade, and shared that Lake Valley won Best Classic Automobile. He also gave a shout out to Jan Bojsen-Moller and Dylan Yuzbick for their performances in responding to the call of duty even when off duty. He also shared that we are looking into a fuel-tax refund that we can claim up to three years back. Lastly, he shared that the district hired two new employees who will be starting on Monday the 13th.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**
No additional report.
- **Prevention**
No additional report.
- **Training**
No additional report.
- **Fuels Division**
No additional report.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve district payroll for pay period 12, 2026 for \$227,396.15, pay period 13, 2026 for \$226,341.29, and pay period 14, 2026 for \$224,419.97. 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 June 5, 2026 for \$37,416.87, June 18, 2026 for \$172,808.70, June 26, 2026 \$435,961.27, and June 30, 2026 for \$319,465.96. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes