

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
March 12, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on March 12, 2026 at Fire Station 7 in Meyers.

ROLL CALL

Director Cain called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. There were present the following directors: Cain, Kaelin, Henderson, and Hogan. Director Rice was not in attendance. Fire 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 March 12, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR February 12, 2026

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for February 12, 2026. Director Hogan abstained. The motion passed by quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Hogan thanked the crews for a response for his mother in law.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

No Report.

B. Mitigation Fees/ Nexus Study Presentation

Dmitry Semenov of Ridgeline Municipal Strategies presented the results of the Nexus Study. The new fee schedule will bring in an estimated \$3,00,000 over the next 20 years.

C. Approval of Resolution 2026-2 to Adopt New Mitigation Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve Resolution 2026-2 to adopt the new mitigation fee schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Adoption of Updated Mutual Aid Agreement with City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue

Chief McNamara explained the agreement has no major changes, but it does adopt the new South Shore Response Plan that was developed. The agreement has already been approved and signed by the City. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the updated Mutual Aid Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Purchase of Masticator and Trailer Through Grant Funding

Chief McNamara stated that this approval is the final step in acquiring the equipment, and that the District will pay upfront and be reimbursed through the grant. Fleet Manager Andrew Sessions stated that we received a quote through government consortium pricing. He also stated that beyond the purchase, the district would have full control over the equipment, and so if it were to lose its usefulness to the District, we could dispose of it as needed without penalty from the grant. A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review and Approval of Updated Contract for Fire Inspector I, Nathan Lester

Chief McNamara shared that Nathan has expressed interest in wildland training and the ability to go on wildland assignments. The change in contract language would allow him to earn overtime only on events that are reimbursed by the State or Federal government. Chief also reiterated that this gives him the ability to go on assignments, but does not create a requirement or guarantee that he will go on assignments. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the changes. 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 stated that he has created a new standardized report format that will officially go into effect for the April meeting. He also stated that the district received a lot of interactions on social media after the last view posts and that he plans to increase the district's social media presence. He looks forward to the formal recognition of those who were on the call of the recent field save.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**
No additional report.
- **Prevention**
No additional report.
- **Training**
Battalion Chief Malone shared there is an upcoming wildland refresher course that the district does annually, as well as promotional testing coming up and he is looking forward to the Tesla electric vehicle training.
- **Fuels Division**
No additional report.

REVIEW AND APPROVE District Year to Date Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the year to date income and expense report for July 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve district payroll for pay period 4, 2026 for \$226,790.15, and pay period 5, 2026 for \$217,900.56. 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 March 5, 2026 for \$336.00, and March 10, 2026 for \$68,181.00. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Tim Cain
VICE CHAIR

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes