

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
August 13, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on August 13, 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, Hogan, and Henderson. Chief McNamara and Lake Valley personnel were present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve the agenda of August 13, 2026 with no changes. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR July 9, 2026

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for July 9, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CELEBRATIONS

Chief McNamara shared his excitement to celebrate the individuals whose fast and heroic actions contributed to the saving of human life on February 16, 2026. Each name was read and the individuals came up to receive their commendations.

Firefighter-EMTS Russell Kaczmar and Jake Hickman were sworn in and pinned by their families.

The Board took a recess from approximately 4:23pm to 4:43pm

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Rice shared that at the last JPA meeting on July 15th, Ryan Wagoner had stated they were still trying to work with Alpine County to reach an agreement for ambulance response. Chief McNamara updated that Alpine county has committed to agreement similar to the agreement they have with East Fork Fire which is approximately \$135,000 per year for ambulance response. The JPA has amended their response to if two ambulances are available within district boundaries then the third can go to Alpine County. Chief McNamara also stated that there is still a communication gap with Kirkwood resort on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 2026-6 Authorization of Transfer of Funds (\$65,000) From Lake Valley Developer Impact Account (8558010) to the General Fund (8558000) for FY26/27

A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Hogan to approve resolution 2026-6 for the transfer of funds from 8558010 to 8558000 for the purchase of a Defensible Space Inspector vehicle. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Resolution 2026-7 Authorization of Transfer of Funds (\$144,000) From Lake Valley Fund 321 (Reserved Other) to the General Fund (8558000) for FY26/27

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Henderson to approve resolution 2026-7 for the transfer of funds from Account 321 Reserved-Other to the General Fund account 8558000 for facility improvements and capital maintenance. The motion passed unanimously

C. Approval of Resolution 2026-8 Authorization of Transfer of Funds (\$75,000) From Lake Valley Reserve Fund 319 (RSVD Public Safety) to the General Fund (8558000) for FY26/27

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve resolution 2026-8 for the transfer of funds from Account 319 Reserved-Public Safety to

the General Fund account 8558000 for the purchase of hose to be consistent across all apparatus and an extrication tool. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Resolution 2026-9 Authorization of Transfer of Funds (\$73,064.00) From Lake Valley Reserve Fund 319 (RSVD Public Safety) to the General Fund (8558000) for FY26/27

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Henderson to approve resolution 2026-8 for the transfer of funds from Account 319 Reserved-Public Safety to the General Fund account 8558000 for the replacement of the Chief's Vehicle chassis. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of the Drew Consulting Agreement for FY 26/27

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the Drew Consulting Contract for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

F. Approval to Surplus Vehicle 4138, 1999 Ford F250 4x4 XL Pickup, Estimated Value \$2,500.00

Director Rice asked if there was a plan of what to do with the vehicle, Chief McNamara answered it would go to auction. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the surplus of the vehicle. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Budget Augmentation for FY 25/26

Chief McNamara stated that the augmentation was just to do year end clean up, and Director Hogan added that the augmentation would result in a balanced budget instead of a surplus. A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the budget augmentation. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

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

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief McNamara shared that we were awarded a grant for a slip-on tanker. The grant is not a reimbursement based grant, so the money will come in and the district will purchase the equipment. He also shared that Brush 6 is on the Bug Fire north of Reno, Captain Hagenbach is at a wildland training in Big Sur, and Inspector Lester is training at the Mile Post 18 Fire. He shared his Career Mentorship Plan which was identified as a need in the Strategic Plan, and he will begin with the Captains, although he emphasized that this requires participation from all staff and all levels and is no one person's responsibility. He informed the Board that Administrative Assistant Kayla will be attending bookkeeping training and that we have recently migrated to Quickbooks Online. He added that we are in the process of integrating Sage Credit Card Expense Management software to address the concerns regarding the credit card receipts. He shared that Neil's Death Certificate was finally corrected and straightened out. On August 12th Squad 7 was en route to a call when a vehicle on the opposite side of the road crossed a double yellow line and side swiped the Squad. It broke the mirror and window, but Fleet Manager Sessions was able to repair the vehicle the same day, and it was back in service by 17:00. The Squad was not equipped with the Samsara video equipment, however, Medic 7 was in front of the Squad and had Samsara installed, and was able to catch the vehicle begin to veer into the lane. The footage was provided to the CHP Officer who responded and a claim has already been submitted to insurance. Lastly he reminded the Board that the Renaissance Faire is taking place August 15th and 16th at Paradise Park, the attendance is capped at 2750 people and no onsite ticket sales will be allowed. They have designated three parking areas and will have shuttles, and have urged attendees not to park in the neighborhoods.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**

BC Pevenage added that while the location of the Renaissance Faire is new, it has been held in Lake Valley's District for many years and the organizers are very dialed and compliant of all codes and regulations.

- **Prevention**

No additional report.

- **Training**

No additional report.

- **Fuels Division**

BC Goldberg shared that the City approved a \$2 million California Tahoe Conservancy Grant for lot treatment as part of the conjoined efforts of the Fuels Divisions.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve district payroll for pay period 15, July 17, 2026 for \$243,331.46 and pay period 16, July 31, 2026 for \$227,072.13. 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 Fiscal Year 25-26, July 21, 2026 for \$50,144.71, and for FY26-27 July 28, 2026 for \$370,272.26, July 24, 2026 \$379,117.88, and August 12, 2026 for \$102,715.60. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes