

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
September 11, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 11, 2025 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, Cain, Kaelin, Henderson, and Hogan. Fire Chief Stephen and Lake Valley personnel were present.

Director Rice made note of the date and all of those who lost their lives in the tragedy in 2001. The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance.

AGENDA

There were the following changes to the agenda: The Impact Fee Study was postponed to October while further discussions are had with the County, approval of the final year to date budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was removed due to inaccurate reports, and the closed session with the Labor Union was removed due to being in violation with the Brown Act. A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of September 11, 2025 with the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR August 14, 2025

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for August 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MINUTES FOR August 14, 2025

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the special meeting minutes for August 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MINUTES FOR August 29, 2025

A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the special meeting minutes for August 29, 2025. Director Hogan abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leona Allen shared that the Mewuk-Winton-North Upper Truckee Firewise community has written letters to ask the Forest Service to shut down an un-hosted campground in the area due to ongoing illegal fires and homeless activity. Chief Stephen stated that the District has also reached out to the Forest Service with concerns over the campground and is having the Battalion Chiefs drive through on certain days to help mitigate the issue.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Stephen stated that he shared Steve Teshara's monthly communication and that the tax revenue numbers came in at a 5% increase from last year.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan shared that the JPA assisted with 2 recent strike team requests, the Lightning Complex Fire and the Coyote Fire.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Chief Stephen made note of a few budget items that increased from the preliminary budget based on the tax revenue numbers. He stated there is \$30,000 earmarked for staff development and paramedic school training. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. 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

No additional report.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**

No additional Report.

- **Prevention**

No additional report.

- **Training**

No additional Report.

- **Fuels Division**

BC Goldberg stated that Firefest will be held at the middle school on September 27th.

Director Rice requested that the district hold a commendations ceremony soon. Chief Stephen stated that BC Malone had started asking for ideas.

REVIEW AND APPROVE District Final Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Cain to approve the income and expense report for July 1-31 2025. 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 17 for \$218,453.50 and pay period 18 for \$258,634.43. 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 22, 2025 for \$29,480.25, August 28, 2025 for \$25,952.07, September 5, 2025 for 700.00, and September 11, 2025 for \$75,867.34. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session. Pursuant to Brown Act Gov. Code § 54957 Public Employee Appointment: Fire Chief

The Board entered closed session at 4:31pm and returned at approximately 5:01pm. Direction was given to the Fire Chief to post the Fire Chief Job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes