

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
January 8, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on January 8, 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, Henderson, Cain, and Hogan. Fire Chief McNamara and Lake Valley personnel were present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of January 8, 2026 with no changes. The motion passed unanimously.

**REGULAR MINUTES FOR December 11, 2025**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for December 11, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tina Cullen thanked the District for their assistance in 2025 and stated she looks forward to working together in 2026.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. JPA Update**

No update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **A. Appointment of Board Positions for 2026**

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to keep John Rice as Chair of the Board, Tim Cain as Vice Chair, Brian Hogan as Treasurer, and Irene Kaelin as secretary. 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 greatly appreciated Chad Stephen's assistance during their two week change over. He stated that he was able to meet with the District's accountant and is working with Dmitry Semenov on the mitigation fees. He shared that he enjoyed the Christmas Engine and that he was able to drive in it one night, and promised the community to fix the tracker for next year. Lastly he congratulated BC Goldberg on securing a \$290,000 grant for a masticator.

### **C. Battalion Chiefs**

- **Operations**  
No additional report.
- **Prevention**  
No additional report.
- **Training**  
No additional Report.
- **Fuels Division**  
No report. Donnarae shared that the Wa She Shu Native Americans came through to work on forest clean up in their neighborhood and she was very impressed with the work they did.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE District Year to Date Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025**

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the year to date income and expense report for July 1 to November 30, 2025.

**APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve district payroll for pay period 26, 2025 for \$240,698.61, and pay period 1, 2026 for \$371,180.38. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the bills paid for December 22, 2025 for #33,179.42, December 23, 2025 for \$27,592.86 and December 29, 2025 for \$399,505.66. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

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John Rice  
CHAIRPERSON

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Irene Kaelin  
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes