

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

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on February 12, 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, and Cain. Director Hogan was not in attendance. Fire Chief McNamara and Lake Valley personnel were present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of February 12, 2026 with one change. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MINUTES FOR January 8, 2026

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the regular minutes for January 8, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donnarae thanked BC Pevenage and shared that she communicated with him about a sign that was barely visible in their neighborhood and he and his crew came out and changed it very quickly.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Administrative Assistant Kayla shared that Executive Director Wagoner and Chief McNamara have begun to talk with Alpine County and Kirkwood about a response agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 2026-1 Approving Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG25057

Captain Nerdahl stated that this agreement is for the Calfire Rural Capacity Grant which provides up to a fifty-fifty match for items including wildland PPE and communications. This year he applied and was awarded \$17,992.50. The resolution is required to receive the funds. A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve Resolution 2026-1. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Tahoe Resource Conservation District

Battalion Chief Goldberg stated that the District has a very similar agreement with the City that allows the districts to work across boundaries, the TRCD requested an agreement as well to help outline each district's roles and responsibilities. A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Henderson to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Updates to the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Chief McNamara made note of some of the changes to the budget, including increases to overtime, attorney fees, and professional fees for the accountant and a grant consultant. A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the changes. 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 stated that he reached out to the local CHP and Caltrans offices and found they are both in a transition of supervisors at the moment, he will reach back out when their new leadership has settled. He also informed the Board that he has brought on a grant consultant and with her help the District is currently applying for three grants

for radios and other equipment, and getting in position to apply for a SAFER grant in the coming months.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Operations**

No additional report.

- **Prevention**

No additional report.

- **Training**

Chief McNamara shared that in April the District will be hosting a training for our neighboring departments on electric vehicle fires, which will be put on and paid for by Tesla.

- **Fuels Division**

No additional report.

REVIEW AND APPROVE District Year to Date Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026

A motion was made by Director Henderson and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the year to date income and expense report for July 1 to January 31, 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 2, 2026 for \$219,707.52, and pay period 3, 2026 for \$215,424.36. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve the bills paid for January 15 for \$805.77, January 29 for \$66,575.54, January 30 for \$31,585.60, and February 12 for \$184,232.20. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Tim Cain
VICE CHAIR

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes