



LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

9414 South Spruce Mountain Road Larkspur, Colorado 80118

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2026

Present

Rodger Greer, President
Ed Chambers, Treasurer
Wayne Moore, Secretary
Aaron Matthewson, Board Member
Tim McCawley, Fire Chief
Charles Walden, Deputy Fire Chief

Frances Esty, LFPD Accountant
Patti Nygaard, Admin. Manager-Excused

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

a. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (limit 3 min. pp/limit 30 min. total)

- a. Pat Brennan spoke regarding the proposed tax increase and felt like it is fiscally irresponsible to build a training center and believes the increase is absurd.
- b. Chief McCawley responded to Pat's comment by pointing out our call volume, staffing, apparatus and other items that are being proposed.
- c. Pat Brennan asked Chief McCawley to schedule a meeting for further discussion.

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

a. April 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Moore motioned to approve the April 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes and Mr. Matthewson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Mr. Chambers gave the financial report from the treasurer's report, profit and loss summary and detail report.
 - i. April transferred \$477,834.00 from ColoTrust General Fund to Community Banks.
 - ii. ColoTrust Total Funds Available = \$2,391,078.00
 - Restricted Funds = \$1,268,210.00
 - Total Income for April = \$450,976.00
 - Total Expenses for April = \$507,245.00
 - iii. Income Summary at 37% year to date.
 - iv. Expense Summary at 33% year to date.
 - v. Capital Account balance is \$1,140,575.00.
- b. Mr. Chambers stated that station 162 building repairs and maintenance is over budget.

Mr. Moore motioned to approve the financial report and Mr. Mathewson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Designated Election Official Topic has been tabled since Patti Nygaard is not present.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. New Engine Order.
 - i. Chief Walden stated we are at the point to review with staff the engine order since we are at a thirty-month delivery timeframe.
 - ii. Battalion Chief Campagnola handed out the proposal for furnishing the new fire apparatus from Front Range Apparatus. The bid is \$1,248,909.00. The price is not yet locked, and no order has been placed. The price has doubled from our previous engine purchase cost of \$650,000.00.

8. **REPORTS**

- a. Union Report – Ryan Smedra, Union Vice President
 - i. Spray Dayz tentative schedule will be July 11 and July 25 with a possible barbeque for one of those days.
- b. Chief McCawley Report
 - i. Chief McCawley stepped out of the meeting to speak with Pat Brennan then returned.
 - ii. Call volume is 359 calls, 65 calls this month with 56% EMS calls and an average response time of 12 minutes, 23 seconds. Chute time of 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
 - iii. Mr. Moore stated that the board will nominate Fire Chief Tim McCawley for the Special District Association Manager of the Year. The board will submit the nomination by June 5, 2026, and determination will be by July 3, 2026.
 - iv. Chief McCawley handed out a letter that he sent to the Members of the Colorado General Assembly regarding Larkspur Fire Protection District's opposition to Senate Bill 26-184-Firefighter Cancer Benefits and Workers' Compensation.
 - v. Chief McCawley stated that we will be selling the old Brush 161 truck to Jackson 105 Fire Protection District for \$20,000.00.
 - vi. EMS Billing Update – Chief McCawley discussed billing insurance for responses to auto accidents for nonresidents.
 - vii. FDIC Training Takeaways – Chief McCawley stated that himself, Rusty Booth, Ryan Smedra and Meagan Traylor attended this event. They went to trainings, saw new technology, apparatus and EMS equipment. Everyone thought it was an excellent training.
- c. Chief Walden Report
 - i. Brush Truck Update – Equipment has been standardized for safety and efficiency. The old brush truck will be for deployments.
 - ii. Station 162 Update – Handout from Jeff Hahn was given and the amount projected from capital fund will be \$84,540.00. Jeff Hahn was not in attendance for this meeting.
 - iii. Grant Update – Applied for three state grants and received zero because told not competitive.
 - iv. Drones – The Douglas County Sheriff's Office initiated contact regarding the potential positioning of multi-use "drones" on our roof. These arial devices would be independently controlled and available for a diverse range of missions including fire and search/rescue. However, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was pausing their installation of these devices. Legislation was pending to restrict and/or prohibit the use of drones by law enforcement agencies, along with certain other surveillance technologies. We are still waiting to learn whether the legislation passed.

- v. Helicopter – Helicopter (5TA is 5 Tango Alpha) is a helicopter under contract with the county to provide fire support “on-demand.” 5TA
- d. Admin. Report – None
- e. Staff Report
 - i. Battalion Chief Chad Campagnola spoke regarding the state of the Colorado and Douglas County and it is very dry and it is worse than 2002 since we are only at one percent of what snowpack should be. Chad stated that resources will be scarce this summer and we will likely not deploy in order to keep resources here. Chad stated that UTV training has been completed. Upcoming training for 5TA will be in June and July. Chad presented slides on the drought with current and predicted fire danger with data from NIFC/NOAA.
 - ii. Chad stated that the volunteer academy had live fire training on Saturday.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Moore motioned to adjourn the regular session at 7:44 pm. Mr. Chambers second. All were in favor and the motion carried.