



LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

9414 South Spruce Mountain Road Larkspur, Colorado 80118

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2026

Present

Rodger Greer, President

Ed Chambers, Treasurer

Wayne Moore, Secretary

Jim Godley, Board Member

Aaron Mathewson, Board Member

Tim McCawley, Fire Chief

Charles Walden, Deputy Chief

Frances Esty, LFPD Accountant-Not Present

Patti Nygaard, Admin. Manager

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

a. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

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

None

3. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

a. Mar. 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Godley motioned to approve the Mar. 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes and Mr. Chambers 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. March transferred \$400,000.00 from ColoTrust General Fund to Community Banks.

ii. ColoTrust Total Funds Available = \$2,391,249.00

Restricted Funds = \$1,349,923.00

Total Income for March = \$1,302,358.00

Total Expenses for March = \$448,871.00

iii. Income Summary at 28% year to date.

iv. Expense Summary at 24% year to date.

v. Capital Account balance is \$1,222,693.00.

vi. Transferred \$50,000.00 from Capital account to Community Banks to pay down payment for the two new brush trucks.

vii. Deposited \$1,251,408.00 for property tax revenue.

b. Mr. Chambers stated that in the other income category, there was a donation of \$4,950.00 from Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary. This money went towards the education reimbursement FDIC, mascot t-shirts, and ice rescue gear.

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

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Chief McCawley stated that there needed to be a motion to pass Resolution 2026-003 which is the lease to purchase the two brush trucks there were discussed in the March board meeting.

Mr. Godley motioned to approve retroactively from the March 11, 2026, board meeting Resolution 2026-003 lease to purchase finance of two type 6 brush trucks and patient stretchers and Mr. Chambers seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- b. Mr. Greer discussed the option of continuing the work sessions prior to the board meeting or discontinuing. Mr. Moore and Mr. Chambers stated that the work sessions could be stopped for now. All agreed to stop the work sessions for now.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Code Resolution 2026-004

- i. Chief McCawley stated that all fire districts and the building code official are all on the same page. This is the same resolution many agencies are taking into account and moving to the 2024 code and encouraging the town to move to this code. The county is also adopting the 2024 fire code. Chief McCawley stated that we will have a caveat that will not conflict with any Douglas County changes or adopts in their ordinances.

Mr. Moore motioned to adopt Fire Code Resolution 2026-004 without modification and Mr. Godley seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- b. Wildfire Urban Interface Resiliency Code Resolution 2026-005

- i. Chief McCawley stated that it is required by law and to present to the district by April 1, 2026, which we are technically eight days late by state law and many districts are currently doing the same thing. The enforcement of these codes will refer to the state as our experts. Larkspur Fire is the AHJ but we are not required to enforce and is referred to the state. This code resulted because of the Marshal Fire, and the state is hiring additional people for education and enforcement. There will be no additional burden upon our staff, we will field the call and then direct them to the state. We will do a fire mitigation inspection and turn it over to the homeowner but unless there is something vastly dangerous to the property, we wouldn't report it to the state that we wouldn't report today.

Mr. Chambers motioned to adopt Wildfire Resiliency Code Resolution 2026-005 as written and Mr. Mathewson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- c. Resignation of Board Member, Jim Godley.

- i. Chief McCawley and Board President Mr. Greer presented Jim Godley with a Larkspur Fire shadow box.

- d. Discussion of board member vacancy.

- i. Mr. Greer suggested posting board vacancy and Mr. Moore stated to place it in the May Sentinel and available to self-nominate until June 1. Chief McCawley stated that best practice is thirty days and will place notice in the Douglas County news, website and Facebook page and get individuals interested in the fire service.

- ii. Chief McCawley stated that the director appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the next regular election of May 2027 in which time the vacancy will be filled by election and that position will be for a two-year term.
- iii. Mr. Mathewson stated that self-nomination deadline by Friday, May 29, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. and then hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for interviews for the board position and appointment.
- iv. Chief McCawley stated that it is a public meeting and discussion regarding the interviews.

8. **REPORTS**

- a. Union Report – Ryan Smedra, Union President, Chris Henninger, Union Vice President and Brad Power, Union Secretary/Treasurer.
 - i. Union membership has 1 additional member.
 - ii. Ryan, Chris and Brad attended the CPFF meeting and will try to attend the Strive Conference next year.
 - iii. Union quarterly meeting with Chief McCawley next week on April 14.
 - iv. Ryan has taken the lead on the Citizens Committee.
 - v. Andy Lyon has worked on a video to present election items video to post on the Union website.
 - vi. Union is really looking at preventative screenings that firefighters should attain such as cancer screenings.
 - vii. CBA (collective bargaining agreement) informational packet handed out to board members regarding what items are in a collective bargaining agreement, the purpose and history.
 - viii. Mr. Mathewson stated that the state can help with a firefighter who has cancer. Chief McCawley state that we are enrolled in the State Cancer Trust and many other agencies are involved in this program. Chief McCawley stated that Larkspur Fire has one of the most extensive health physicals and test for more items than a lot of other fire agencies.
- b. Chief McCawley Report
 - i. Call volume is 255 calls, 87 calls this month with 57% EMS calls and an average response time of 12 minutes, 21 seconds. Chute time of two minutes, 16 seconds. Friday and Saturdays are our high call volume.
 - ii. Staffing Update – Chief McCawley introduced one of our newest Firefighter/Paramedics Paul Lawrence.
 - iii. New Brush Apparatus Update – Two new brush trucks are paid for and should arrive by April 20. Chief McCawley stated that we are going into an extreme fire season and we got these two vehicles because it was cost effective.
 - iv. Station 162 Update – The garage doors are complete and much better with the 8” height increase. Jeff Hahn is working on quotes for the bedroom adjustments.
 - v. Two new Ambulances are on the scheduled for delivery on August 5.
 - vi. Chief McCawley stated that the slight drop in the EMS funding was because of the right offs. People we do not get addresses on, those individuals were slated as residents. We are now adjusting those and should have some refunds and will lose money this month for \$1,700.00 because catching up from the time our new medical billing company took over which was last August. Will need to address what we right off more consistently.
 - vii. Chief McCawley is looking into a fire billing company for auto accidents.

- viii. Mr. Moore asked regarding the Douglas County Sheriff office drone program. Sheriff is hesitant with the new legislature.
 - ix. Chief McCawley reminded everyone regarding how “open meetings” work especially with e-mail transactions and has our lawyer drafting a memo regarding what you can and can’t do regarding e-mails and best practices.
- c. Chief Walden Report
- i. Grant submitted is for four cardiac manual compression devices and for field deployable ultrasound devices. Chief Walden testified for a second time in support of these devices.
 - ii. Chief Walden submitted a wildland grant.
 - iii. Chief Walden stated that there is nothing going on with the federal grants.
 - iv. Chief Walden stated that we did not get the congressionally directed funds grant.
 - v. Chief Walden stated that he submitted a VFA grant.
 - vi. Chief Walden stated that he has put in grants through State Farm and Tagawa that will allow the creation of a demonstration garden such as the use of rock, use of appropriate plants, and fire-resistant construction that would also be geared to home fire inspections and materials.
 - vii. Chief Walden stated that Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary and Perry Park Metro District is offering residents the opportunity to get a numeric identifier for their home mailboxes.
- d. Staffing Report
- i. Battalion Chief Chad Campagnola spoke regarding Douglas County OEM and open space have created a cost share program for wildfire mitigation.
 - ii. Mr. Mathewson stated that the state is offering Perry Park Metro residents a 50% grant for mitigation.
 - iii. Chad Campagnola stated Chris Henninger has been tasked with RT130 training. Annual UTV training is starting on the Haystack Ranch. Company level wildland training lesson plan is getting built. Also securing additional land for “sawyers” to cut May through October.
 - iv. Chad stated that we have received all of the funds from the two 2025 wildland deployments. Chad gave a handout on the costs and what Larkspur Fire netted which was \$54,841.60.
 - v. Chad stated that he is evaluating a new fire detection system called Deep Fire.
 - vi. Mr. Mathewson asking about the outside lighting on Station 162. Chief McCawley stated that we have tried to adjust it but would need to know which light is the problem but some the lighting is required for a commercial building.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Moore motioned to adjourn the regular session at 7:28 pm. Mr. Mathewson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.