



LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

9414 South Spruce Mountain Road Larkspur, Colorado 80118

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 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

Patti Nygaard, Admin. Manager

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

a. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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. Feb. 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Godley motioned to approve the Feb. 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes and Mr. Mathewson 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. February transferred \$375,000.00 from ColoTrust General Fund to Community Banks.

ii. ColoTrust Total Funds Available = \$1,445,544.00

Restricted Funds = \$1,395,650.00

Total Income for February = \$80,483.00

Total Expenses for February = \$387,953.00

iii. Income Summary at 3% year to date.

iv. Expense Summary at 16% year to date.

v. Capital Account balance is \$1,268,712.00

b. Chief McCawley stated that \$6,402 came in for grant funds which was the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds from the county and \$3,500 in additional income which was a storage payment and a Stryker refund.

c. Mr. Moore asked regarding the \$10,000 decrease in ambulance service fees compared to January. Chief McCawley stated that there were fewer medical transports but EMS Coordinator, Robert Fuller is looking into this further.

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Black Forest Fire cost. Chief McCawley stated that the increased costs were because the Fire Chief sued the district and there were several law suits filed against the district. They ended up paying \$100,000 for the cause of origin on that particular fire because they did not have an investigation group and the state did not have an investigation group. They had to hire a private company to do the investigation so they have accounted for those costs in the future. They now have an additional \$500,000 in addition to their required 3% in reserve. There was no impact on the property taxes since the state and federal government stepped in.
 - i. Chief McCawley stated that fire agencies do not do their declarations fast enough.
 - ii. Chief McCawley stated that he has phone calls out to find out how these fires such as the Marshal fires have affected cities verses special districts.
 - iii. Mr. Mathewson asked the question regarding contacting the ATF for the investigation. Chief McCawley stated that there is a task force with the state for the investigation. The State then pages it out to all the investigators willing to participate in that group and work the investigation together, but the state takes care of the cost.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS

- a. Union Report – Ryan Smedra
 - i. Union membership has 2 additional members.
 - ii. Union President, Ryan Smedra working with Citizens Committee for election process.
 - iii. Ryan was part of the first Chief podcast.
 - iv. Union members have put together a work group to review CBA (collective bargaining agreement) contracts such as Summit Fire and Red, White and Blue Fire.
- b. Chief McCawley Report
 - i. Call volume is 168 calls. 57% EMS calls and an average response time of 11 minutes, 44 seconds. Chute time of two minutes, 3 seconds. Average total time on a call is 1 hour, 16 minutes.
 - ii. Staffing Update – Chief McCawley stated that Larkspur Fire has hired 2 paramedic/firefighters, Liz Kelly and Paul Lawrence. With this hire, we will be at full staff at Station 162. We are doing our best to control the overtime since staffing has been an issue but for brush fires, additional staffing will need to come in.
 - iii. Brush Apparatus Discussion – Chief McCawley spoke regarding Brush 161 Sterling 2008 and Brush 165 Ford 2002. Chief stated that Brush 161 has a significant amount of mileage and is twenty years old. The leaf springs on the rear end need to be replaced and may need a transmission rebuild and additional work that needs to be done which costs around \$12,000-\$20,000. If we sold this truck today, we could get \$20,000-\$30,000. Brush 165 needs the same amount of work done to it. Both brush trucks are overheating, both have power issues, and transmission assessments need to be done. Brush 165 needs \$12,000-\$20,000 worth of work. Larkspur Fire really likes Brush 162 make and model. The manufacturer has a sister truck that is sitting on the lot and ready to be shipped. It would need striping and the equipment from Brush 161 would be moved over. The cost would be \$262,000 with a buffer up to \$270,000 for the additional items and here in thirty days. Mr. Chambers asked if lease to purchase would be an

option. Brush 162 but beefier which would have a paint color change, taller suspension, super single in the rear with beefier tires for off road. This vehicle is available, it would need striping and equipment would be taken off of Brush 165. These new brush trucks are 2025. Chief McCawley stated that we could pay cash for one of these new brush trucks since we have \$300,000 in the capital fund which is for monitors but worked with LifePak and we are good for several years with the monitors we have. They gave us some equipment for free to make our monitors work longer.

- iv. Purchase options for 2 new brush trucks – Chief McCawley stated we could purchase one with cash and have it here in thirty days. The quote for the beefier truck is \$330,000 and they are willing to do \$313,000 if we are buying two trucks with the paint change and delivered in 45 days because of the paint change. Chief did state that he needed to keep \$26,000 in the budget for the grant Chief Walden is working on. The lease to purchase would be over ten years, one truck with \$50,000 down would be \$29,000 per year or if put down \$100,000 then \$23,000 per year. We would continue with Community Leasing since we are already working with them.
- v. Mr. Mathewson asked Chief McCawley to put out a statement to the public regarding why we are purchasing these two new vehicles.

Mr. Moore motioned to support the purchase of the two new brush vehicles with a down payment of \$50,000. Mr. Chambers seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- vi. Chief McCawley stated that Larkspur Fire is in line for a Pierce Type 1 truck that is basic and like the current truck we have with a delivery date of late 2027 or early 2028. We did ask for additional lighting and a bigger tank at a cost of \$1.23 million estimated.
- vii. Chief McCawley stated that we would like to release the Squirt in quarter one. This truck was ordered by Battalion Chief Johnson's father many years ago. Battalion Chief Brian Johnson and his brother would like to keep it, and they have offered \$10,000 to purchase this ladder truck. Market value is between \$12,000-\$15,000.

Mr. Moore motioned to sell Squirt 161, stripped of all ancillary equipment for \$10,000 and proceed with the sale. Mr. Chambers seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- viii. Thank you to Andy Lyon for all the work he has been doing lately with social media.
- ix. Battalion Chief Johnson spoke regarding the Company Officer class which is in its second year. It is a three-day course which covers a variety of topics and has seven individuals in the class.

c. Chief Walden Report

- i. Grant submitted is for four cardiac manual compression devices and for field deployable ultrasound devices. Chief McCawley and Chief Walden presented in support of these devices.
- ii. Chief Walden spoke regarding the Medicare and Medicaid desk review he completed over the phone. We should receive approximately \$100,000 reimbursement.
- iii. Chief Walden is putting in for a state grant which is geared towards areas with a population under 10,000 and is more EMS focused.
- iv. Chief Walden stated that there is nothing going on with the federal grants.
- v. Chief Walden applied for a fast acting congressionally directed funds grant proposal for reimbursement for \$338,000 as a partial reimbursement for the training pad.

d. Administration Report

- i. Mitchell Stewart spoke regarding the Larkspur Fire website in which he stated that there are two new pages regarding fire mitigation. We filmed the Chief's podcast for internal use.
- ii. EMS Coordinator, Robert Fuller spoke regarding EMS billing and what the miscellaneous adjustment was. Some may be what we write off for being a Larkspur resident.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Godley motioned to adjourn the regular session at 7:36 pm. Mr. Moore seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.