

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch St
La Veta, Colorado
MINUTES

July 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Present: Directors Schmidt, ShROUT, Lard, and Valdez(entered the meeting at 6:05pm) were in attendance.

Staff: EMS Director Dave Mower, Fire Chief Ron Jameson, and Administrative Assistant Tressan Passarelli were in attendance.

Guests: Norma Mower and Justin Jameson joined via ZOOM. Cindy Jameson, Tim Gripka, Brian Jameson and Haley Jameson were in attendance.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

Minutes

- Minutes from June 12, 2025: Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by ShROUT. Seconded by Lard. 3 yes, 1 absent (Valdez) Motion Carried.

Public Forum

- None.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- None.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report read by Chairman Schmidt. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read made by ShROUT. Seconded by Valdez. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report

- Inter-Governmental Agreement: Jameson; Can we present an Inter-Governmental Agreement to the Town of La Veta and Cuchara Water Sanitation District that we provide free fire coverage to their buildings and they don't charge us for water? Schmidt; you can - present anything you want to the town. I will have to recuse myself from this because of my conflict of interest. Jameson; It would have to be the board that would present it. It's a small expense for them. ShROUT; I would tread carefully on this. The town might put meters on the fire hydrants if we don't watch it. (much discussion on this, nothing proposed or decided)

EMT Director's Report:

- Change Director's title: Schmidt; The official title for Dave Mower is currently known as Interim EMS Director. This was because of a whole bunch drama that was happening at the time he was put into the position. I believe he has more than adequately shown his commitment to this district. It is not interim. We are not thinking about any other. To be fair at the time, some of the board members were thinking we could hire a full-time person for that position like the way it was when we first got on the board. That has gone by. I would like to officially drop the Interim. Motion to change Dave Mower's official title as Interim EMS Director to EMS Director made by Schmidt. Seconded by Valdez. Motion Carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Pay Max, Inc.: Motion to hire Max Inc. for another year from June 2025 to June 2026 for website maintenance for \$3,000 made by Shrout. Seconded by Valdez. Roll call vote, Schmidt, yes. Shrout, yes. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion carried.
- Reduce one private pay patient's bill: Request made several months ago from a patient to help reduce his medical bill by any amount we can. Passarelli did pull information on his bill and the patient has paid over half of the bill, which is more than insurance would have paid. Motion to write off \$1,000.00 with the patient paying a total of \$1,100.00 made by Shrout. Seconded by Valdez. Roll call vote, Schmidt, yes. Shrout, yes. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion carried.
- The Computer Kernel. Schmidt: Passarelli will get ahold of Hayden, owner of the Computer Kernel to schedule a time for him to come in and finish the list he bid on. Passarelli, Mower and Jameson will go over the contract and make sure we have not missed anything.

Old Business

- Board Vacancy: We received 1 letter of interest for the board vacancy from Tim Gripka. Mr. Gripka introduced himself. Told the board about his background. Motion to postpone the decision to accept interest until August was made by Shrout. No second, this motion failed due to lack of second. Motion to table to board vacancy until the next board meeting to entertain possibly other applications made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Schmidt: My issue with that is we have beaten the bushes to get 1 letter in the last 2 months. We do need to fill this position so we can get officers to continue our business. Lard: Can we advertise more on social media? Valdez: It has been advertised in the paper for two months. Lard: can we post it on Face Book or other social media? Schmidt: The board doesn't have social media. Shrout: I would just like to see if we can get any others in the next month. Valdez: I like the idea that Tim has no hidden agenda, no conflict of interest and he is not related to anyone else on the board. Roll call vote, Schmidt, no. Shrout, yes. Valdez, no. Lard, yes. Motion failed due to the tie vote. Motion to accept Tim Gripka as a member of the board made by Valdez. Seconded by Schmidt. Roll call vote. Schmidt, yes. Shrout, no. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion Carried. Schmidt will swear in Gripka as soon as possible.
- Tabor Question: Schmidt explained the resolution. C. Jameson explained everything else according to the state with a coordinated election. Resolution No. 2025-02 Resolution Calling for a 2025 Special Election on the Question of Levying a Sales Tax and Appointing a Designated Election Official was read into the minutes (attached to the minutes also).

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02, Resolution calling for a 2025 Special Election on the Question of Levying a Sales Tax and Appointing a Designated Election Official made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Roll call vote, Schmidt, yes. Shrout, yes. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion carried.

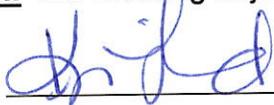
- USDA Grant: Jameson and Mower are working on this. Move to next month.

New Business

- ColoTrust Signers: Schmidt: We need to appoint new signers on the ColoTrust account so we can do transfers and anything else we made need. Passarelli will stay on as a user. Motion to put Treasurer Tucker Shrout and Chairman Mickey Schmidt as signers on the accounts made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Motion carried.
- Kitchen Project: Schmidt gave the new members a background on the last attempt to finish the kitchen. Much discussion on the project. Schmidt: Does the board want to go forward on the kitchen project again to get a bid from an electrician? The auxiliary and the QRT have money to put towards the project. Motion to move forward with the electrical part of the kitchen made by Lard. Seconded by Valdez. Motion carried. Schmidt will get ahold of the previous people who offered to help.
- Board Officers: Much discussion among board member on who would like to do each position. Motion to set officers as follows, Schmidt, Chairman. Valdez, Vice-Chairman. Shrout, Treasurer. Lard, Secretary. Motion made by Schmidt. Seconded by Shrout. Roll call vote, Schmidt, yes. Shrout, yes. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session – not needed.

* **MSA**: The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm



Keri Lard, Secretary

Savings, Reserves and Loans

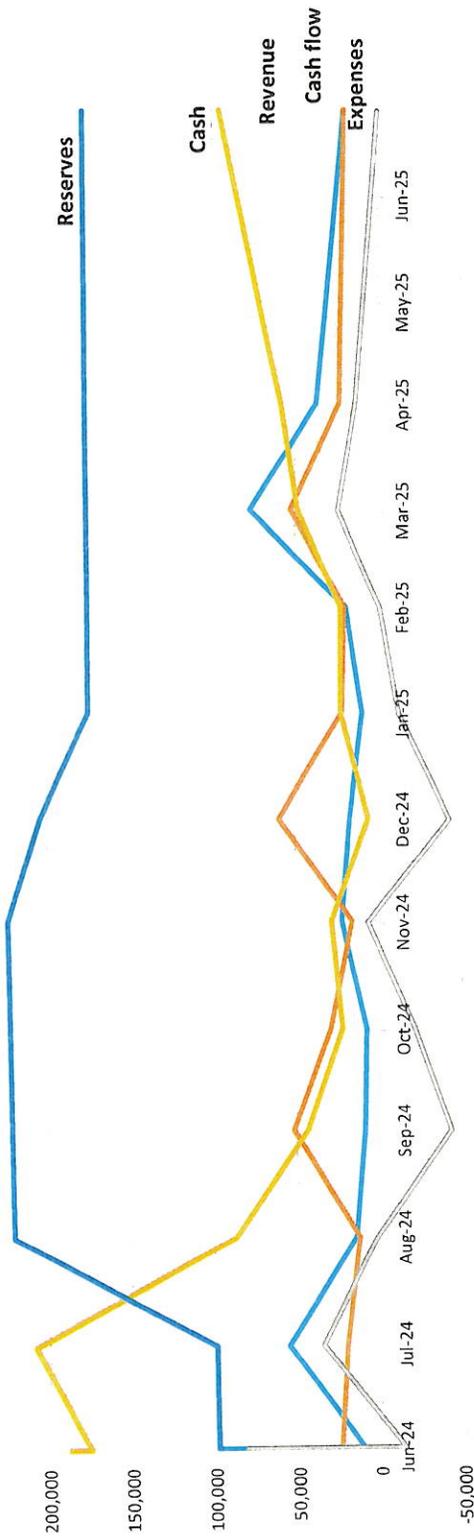
	Balance					△	Int Rate
	Mar	Apr	May	June			
70-715-5 Checking (FNBT)	48,590	58,443	98,774	92,330	(6,444)	0.10%	
Petty cash	100	100	100	100			
Colostrust Reserve Accounts							
8001 General (Operations)	73,776	74,043	74,319	74,586	275	4.37%	
8002 Cap Reserve (Stipends)	29,671	29,779	29,890	29,997	111	4.37%	
8003 Cap Reserve (Primary)	34,136	34,260	34,387	34,511	127	4.37%	
8005 Cap Reserve (Organizational)	2,949	2,960	2,971	2,982	11	4.37%	
8006 Cap Reserve (Legal)	35,461	35,589	35,721	35,850	132	4.37%	
Operating Accounts Total	122,467	132,587	173,192	167,016	(6,176)		
Capital Reserve Accounts Total	<u>102,217</u>	<u>102,587</u>	<u>102,969</u>	<u>103,340</u>	<u>371</u>		
Total Funds	224,684	235,174	276,161	270,356	(5,805)		

Building Loans	Note holder	Rate	Term	Ending	Balance	Payments	
						PI	Frequency
	San Isabel Electric Ass'n (REDG)	0.00%	10 yr	2026	35,000	2,500	Monthly
	Fowler State Bank (1)	3.75%	25 yr	2040	455,425	38,041	Annual

next interest eval 10/2025

	Jun-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	Jun-25	Avg
Revenue (\$)	98,126	10,703	55,592	14,398	8,793	7,577	22,098	17,363	9,428	19,730	77,307	37,241	20,384	30,672
Expenses (\$)	16,918	24,776	20,632	12,488	51,980	29,235	15,906	59,874	21,810	20,620	52,776	23,325	20,292	28,510
Cash flow (\$)	81,208	-14,073	34,960	1,910	-43,187	-21,658	6,192	-42,511	-12,382	-890	24,531	13,916	92	2,162
Cash balance (\$)	187,798	175,225	208,135	87,169	43,551	22,190	28,382	5,871	22,580	22,658	48,590	58,543	95,215	77,377
Reserve balance (\$)	98,097	98,533	98,986	220,379	221,332	222,275	223,263	203,999	174,737	175,337	175,994	176,631	177,925	174,422
Total Funds	285,895	273,758	307,121	307,548	264,883	244,465	251,645	209,870	197,317	197,995	224,584	235,174	273,140	250,021

13 month rolling trend



Deposits

Date	Account	Amount
06/30/2025	320.1 - Checking Interest	8.81
06/30/2025	320.9 - ColoTrust - Organizational Fund	10.68
06/30/2025	320.6 - ColoTrust - Capital Reserve Int	107.41
06/30/2025	320.7 - ColoTrust-Primary Cap.Reserve	123.59
06/30/2025	320.10 - ColoTrust - Legal Exp. Int	128.36
06/09/2025	1499 - Undeposited Funds	174.60
06/30/2025	320.5 - Colo Trust - Operating Interest	267.09
06/28/2025	1499 - Undeposited Funds	688.76
06/02/2025		2,025.45
371 - Gross EMS Charges	-667.26	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-969.18	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-389.01	
06/30/2025		2,785.19
371 - Gross EMS Charges	-20.00	
371 - Gross EMS Charges	-373.72	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-432.61	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-508.46	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-870.40	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-290.00	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-290.00	
06/11/2025		3,411.28
371 - Gross EMS Charges	-20.00	
371 - Gross EMS Charges	-2,219.00	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-150.00	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-842.16	
1499 - Undeposited Funds	-180.12	
06/11/2025		10,375.57
311 - Current Property Tax	-9,238.81	
312.2 - Back Taxes	-3.45	
312.3 - Back Tax Interest	-1.14	
312.1 - Current Tax Interest	-10.26	
313 - Specific Ownership Taxes	-1,399.51	
607 - Treasurer's Fees	277.60	

06/09/2025	Cucharas Sanitation & Water District	606.2 · Cuchara Station	-110.00
06/05/2025	Tucker Shrout	601 · Salary - Emp & Directors	-100.00
06/05/2025	Jim Ait	601 · Salary - Emp & Directors	-100.00
06/05/2025	AT&T Mobility	639 · EMS Communication	-93.69
06/09/2025	John Deere Financial	Expenses	-91.28
06/09/2025	602 · Administrative Expense		77.29
06/09/2025	624.2 · Equip Repairs		13.99
06/09/2025	Town of La Veta	606.1 · La Veta Station	-85.00
06/09/2025	US Post Office	602 · Administrative Expense	-73.00
06/09/2025	Airgas USA LLC	631.2 · EMS Other Medical Expenses	-67.10
06/23/2025	Quick Books - Intuit Payroll	602 · Administrative Expense	-63.00
06/09/2025	McCandless Truck Center, LLC.	624.2 · Equip Repairs	-60.94
06/05/2025	Upper Huerrano Fire Protection Dist.	625 · Training	-60.00
06/09/2025	Mountain Disposal	606.1 · La Veta Station	-55.00
06/28/2025	Colorado State Treasurer	218 · CO Unemployment	-42.60
06/09/2025	Adobe Acrobat	602 · Administrative Expense	-39.98
06/16/2025	First Choice Market	602 · Administrative Expense	-21.70
06/05/2025	Hostgator	602 · Administrative Expense	-10.49

Chiefs Report 7-10-2025

Department meetings

Second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM.

Training for the month

Training on E-62

Hose testing

Truck and equipment

Repairs on E-13 pump was leaking

Hose testing complet

Grant

Need to be looking for more grants

Volunteers

No new volunteers

Fire Calls

3 Mutal aid

0 False alarm

3 Fire call

Burn Permits

2 Burn permits

County information

Community Out Reach

Open house station 2 July 2, 2025 11AM to 2PM

Stations

Station 1 repairs needed on heating system

Time and Miles

Hours 52

Miles 159

La Veta Fire Protection District
EMS Monthly Report
June 2025
Board of Director's Meeting
July10, 2025

Training: Training for June was held on 6/10/2025. Training consisted of Cardiac Emergencies discussion and treatment and Operations. EKG recognition was discussed along with some operational education and updates. I found an educator for IV Access training for all non-authorized EMT's. I am coordinating with Cindy Gutierrez, Flight for Life Coordinator, to set a date and time for the training. SPRHC continues to require that all patients that are transported have an IV or attempts made to secure an IV.

Maintenance: No maintenance on any ambulances was required in the month of June. Repairs to Rescue 3 for the body damage is still pending.

EMS Equipment: The calibration and inspection of the EMS equipment discussed previously. Boundtree Medical has provided an updated quote. The quote is unacceptable. The cost went from \$3,900.00 to \$8,300.00. However, I have contacted another provider. It is Master Medical Equipment in cooperation with ReNew Biomedical. The quote for performing the necessary calibration and preventative maintenance is \$3,535.00 and will be completed the week of July 27, 2025.

Personnel: On Monday 7/1/2025 I received letters of resignation from John Mayfield as an EMS provider for LVFPD. John has been dealing with serious health concerns and is scheduled for surgery in late summer and does not feel that he can provide appropriate patient care any longer. His access to all systems has been removed. John has been a tremendous asset to LVEMS. He enjoyed covering the High School football games and special events. He also responded to 911 calls when he could. His service will be greatly missed.

EMS Calls: There were 12 calls for service in June. 11 Patients were transported to SPRHC. 1 call resulted in no transport. (see attached report)

Administrator/Administrative Assistant Report

- My Hours
- Permission to pay Benny for another year of maintaining our website
- Reduce invoice amount for 2 patients.

LAVETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A SALES TAX AND APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, the LaVeta Fire Protection District (“**District**”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes (“**Act**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (“**Board**”) has determined and hereby determines and declares that it is in the interest of the District, its residents and taxpayers and the general public to levy a uniform sales tax and to collect, retain and spend all tax revenues received from such sales tax without regard to the restrictions set forth in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“**TABOR**”) to carry out the objects and purposes of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized pursuant to Sections 32-1-1107 (1), C.R.S., to levy a uniform sales tax, at a rate determined by the Board, upon every transaction or other incident with respect to which a sales tax is levied by the State that occurs within any area of the District, excluding the sale of cigarettes and items exempt under Article 26 of Title 39, C.R.S., subject to approval of the eligible electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit to the eligible electors of the District the question of levying the sales tax, and the Board hereby determines that such question should be presented to the District’s eligible electors at the election to be conducted on November 4, 2025 (“**Election**”), in accordance with the provisions of the Special District Act (“**Act**”), the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (“**Code**”), and TABOR (the Act, Code and TABOR being referred to jointly as the “**Election Laws**”); and

WHEREAS, the Election is required to be conducted as a coordinated election, and the Huerfano County Clerk and Recorder (“**County Clerk**”) is the Coordinated Election Official for the Election and shall be responsible for mailing the notice required pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“**TABOR Notice**”); and

WHEREAS, the District is required to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County Clerk regarding the conduct of the Election and mailing of the TABOR Notice on or before August 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to cooperate with the County Clerk to provide all necessary ballot titles and notices and various agreements with the County Clerk for the conduct of the Election and mailing of the TABOR Notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the LaVeta Fire Protection District in the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado that:

1. A special election of the eligible electors of the District shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at which Election there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District the question as stated in the form of ballot title hereafter set forth.

2. The Board hereby designates Cindy Jameson as the Designated Election Official for the conduct of the Election on behalf of the District, who is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution and of Election Laws or other applicable laws. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Laws, and other applicable laws. Among other matters, the Designated Election Official shall arrange for the required notices of election, including the TABOR Notice, and direct that all other appropriate actions be accomplished.

3. The Board hereby approves and authorizes the Designated Election Official or Board officers to execute and enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County Clerk on behalf of the District, regarding the conduct of the Election and the mailing of the TABOR Notice. The Election and mailing of the District's TABOR Notice shall be in accordance with the provisions of such Intergovernmental Agreement.

4. The Election shall be conducted in coordination with the County Clerk in accordance with all relevant provisions of the Code. The County Clerk is the Coordinated Election Official for the Election and shall be responsible for mailing the TABOR Notice.

5. Pursuant to Section 1-11-203.5, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five (5) days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

6. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intention that the various provisions hereof are severable.

7. Any and all actions previously taken by the Designated Election Official or the officers of the Board of Directors or any other persons acting on their behalf pursuant to the Election Laws or other applicable laws, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

8. All acts, orders, and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Board which are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.

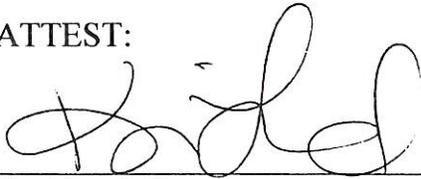
9. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 2025.

LAVETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: Mickey Schmidt
Mickey Schmidt, Chairman

ATTEST:



Keri Lard, Secretary

EXHIBIT A TO ELECTION RESOLUTION

LAVETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. A:

Shall LaVeta Fire Protection District tax revenue be increased by \$150,000.00 in the first full fiscal year, and by whatever additional amounts are raised annually thereafter, by imposing a sales tax, beginning January 1, 2026, at a rate of 0.5% (50 cents on each \$100.00 dollars in taxable purchases) upon every transaction in the district upon which the state imposes a sales tax (excluding groceries and other exempt items) for the purposes of:

- Maintaining fire/EMS equipment to extend the useful life of district equipment;
- Upgrading fire engines, emergency vehicles, ambulances and other firefighting equipment, including wildland firefighting equipment, to protect lives and property;
- Providing up-to-date firefighter safety gear and medical emergency equipment for firefighters and EMS personnel;
- Improving and equipping fire stations to maintain prompt response times;

and shall all district revenues be collected, retained and spent as a voter-approved revenue change notwithstanding any revenue limits provided by law?