



Date August 13, 2024 - 6:45 p.m.
Title: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Place: 168 N Mesa Street; Fruita, CO 81521

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Citizen Comments/Requests

This section is set aside for the Board of Directors to listen to comments by the public regarding items that do not otherwise appear on the agenda. Generally, the Board of Directors will not discuss the issue and will not take official action under this section of the agenda. Please limit comments to a five- minute period.
- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- Approval of:
 - Regular Board minutes from 07/11/2024
 - Bills
 - Financial Report
 - Resolution 08/13/2024 - July 2024 Write Off's
- Reports/Updates
 - Administrative
 - Chief
 - Officer(s)
 - Union #5265
- New Business
 - Discussion on Resolution 08/13/2024-1- Opposition to Statewide Proposals, Initiatives 50 & 108
 - Letter opposing state legislative special session
 - Budget Committee
 - Change Members?
 - Set Dates for 2025 Budget Planning
- Old Business
- Adjourned

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Board Vice President Mark Bonella. Advance notice of the meeting was provided. The role call was taken, the following directors were present: Mark Bonella, Jeff Phillips, and Cliff Gray. Others in attendance: Chief Cavaliere, Derek Campbell, Stacie Dix, Kaden Fife, Dominique Johnson, Anton Kneprath, Beau Schmalz, Tim Struble, Bette Burnett, Diana Manzanares, and Mahea Rodriguez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Cavaliere led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mark Bonella is cousins with Paul Miller, CPA. Mark disclosed that the audit was independent of the board, and he had no part nor participation in its final summary or findings therein.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Paul Miller, CPA, of Blair and Associates, P.C., presented a 29-page summary of LVFD's Financial Statements and Report. The audit included all financial activities through December 31st, 2023. Mr. Miller reminded the Board to continue being pro-active and ask questions regarding financial statements and dealings. He presented comparisons from 2022 to 2023 reflecting the overall net positions, including the revenues and expenditures of the district. Next, he discussed the steps for his budgetary process; general information regarding the pension plan; and our fixed assets and investments. Lastly, he reviewed the final budget and explained the overs & unders and the process of how to reconcile those line items. He concluded by acknowledging that no errors, fraud or abuse was found or detected within his audit of LVFD.

Motion was made by **Cliff Gray** to accept the financial statement and audit. **Jeff Phillips** seconded the **motion** and it passed with 3 votes.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Cliff Gray motioned to accept the board minutes from 06/13/2024. **Motion** was seconded by **Jeff Phillips**. The **motion** was passed with 3 votes.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Diana presented the information and noted that expenses totaled \$140,913.69 from June 11th, 2024, through July 8th, 2024. Also discussed, was the cost of our

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911 Dispatch calls and the fees incurred to use the City of Grand Junction's 911 call center.

Motion was made by **Cliff Gray** to accept the invoices. **Jeff Phillips** seconded the **motion** and passed with 3 votes.

APPROVAL OF BILLING REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Jeff Phillips motioned to accept the billing write-offs in the amount of \$39,309.15 for June 2024. **Mark** noted that this amount is the lowest he has ever seen. The introduction of **Bette's** replacement, **Mahea Rodriguez**, was publicly introduced to and welcomed by the board.

Cliff Gray seconded the motion. The **motion** was passed with 3 votes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Diana reports that the total balance in our bank account including cash on hand is \$4,303,185.53. The interest for the month of June/2024 is \$18,286.35. June's Mesa County Statement of Collections totaled \$668,360.20. **Diana** would like it to be noted that historically, after the month of June – we typically see a less amount from the Statement of Collections to the end of the year and the month of January.

Cliff Gray made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. **Jeff Phillips** seconded the motion. The **motion** passed with 3 votes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Diana presented to the board the 2024 SDA Annual Conference in Keystone, CO. The dates are 09/10-09/12 held at the Keystone Conference Center. She would like to have a board member attend (virtually or in person). Cost of attendance is \$415.00 for in-person, and \$175.00 for virtual attendance. This conference was included in the 2024 budget for two attendees. Next month's board meeting is being moved to Tuesday, Aug. 13th due to a budget presentation by Shannon Currier, CPA. The presentation will be from 5:00pm to 6:30pm; and the regular board meeting will commence at 6:45pm. Lastly, the online transfer limit from Grand Valley Bank to Colotrust will require two approved signatures for approval. The transfer amount of up to \$700,000 is still sufficient.

Jeff Phillips made a motion to accept the transfer amount of up \$700,000.00.

Cliff Gray seconded the motion. The **motion** passed with 3 votes.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

None.

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CHIEF REPORT

Chief Cavaliere announced that **Rebecca “Becky” Van Brammer** has been hired to fill the open full-time ALS/Firefighter position. **Becky** will start full-time on 07/22/2024. Country Jam stats were discussed. **Mark** noted that based on the stats report provided, Country Jam is losing us money overall. He proposed that negotiate with Mesa County regarding our rates for hire. **Mark** also stated that we are borrowing equipment from other agencies to help cover the demand in Fruita, while our equipment and other vehicles are staged in Mack, CO. **Chief Cavaliere** confirmed that there was no charge or fees incurred for borrowing equipment. **Stacie Dix** added to the discussion by stating that Lower Valley would be responding to Country Jam whether we are staged there or not. She states that agencies outside of Mesa County are not legally able to transport, thus LVFD would be making those trips and calls anyway. **Mark** acknowledged her point of view and agreed. **Chief Cavaliere** discussed the FPPA contribution rate changes starting on 01/01/2025. Death & Disability will be increasing from 3.6% to 3.8%. Defined Benefit Component increased 0.5%, totaling 22.5% (12% member [same rate] / employer increased from 10% to 10.5%). Social Security, currently at 6.2%, will remain the same. A future **motion** to accept this change will happen later this year. **Bette** announced that this is **Chief Cavaliere’s** last board meeting before retirement. Retirement party is scheduled for July 24th, 2024 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the truck bays.

OFFICERS REPORT

Swift water technical training is taking place in Palisade later this month. Two people will be getting their certifications. There are a few well-being and fitness things happening this month; **Stacie** organized a 100 push-ups a day challenge for the month of July; an LVFD team will participate in the “Tough Mudder” obstacle race; a counselor/therapist will be checking in with crews later this month as well to address mental health. Country Jam attendance was down this year; the ATV worked well; MIP medical clearances were up; went well overall.

UNION #5625 REPORT

Focused on positivity in their last meeting and keeping morale up. Crews feel like they’re being heard and some of their past concerns were addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Matt Katzenberger has agreed to serve as the interim Fire Chief of LVFD until that position is filled. **Chief Cavaliere’s** last official day as Chief is 07/26/2024. **Chief Cavaliere** met with the hiring committee, including **Mike Bennett, Cullen Purser, and Jeff Phillips** to discuss the job description and the advertising for the Chief’s position. The committee hired an outside agency to distribute the position to a wide audience. The committee wants to see who’s

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out there and get the best candidate for the position. The committee's goal is to find a new fire chief in 60-90 days. **Kaden** presented a question, asking the board if the crews would have any participation in the decision-making process. **Mark** said no. The board will be solely responsible for hiring the new chief. **Stacie** asked for clarification regarding the screening process. She would like to make sure the people that are screening candidates understand fire operations and come with experience. **Chief Cavaliere** confirmed that the screening process will be done by fire professionals, as well as making sure their personality and posture molds well into the established atmosphere of the LVFD.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Bonella made a **motion** to adjourn. All in favor with 3 votes.

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Expenses by Vendor Detail

July 09 - August 07, 2024

Across the Street Productions	385.00	BLUE CARD ONLINE TRAINING
Alianz Travel Insurance	62.32	CLASS TRAVEL EXPENSE
Amazon	75.94	QTY OF 3 FACEPIECE NAME PLATE & ELECTRICAL TAPE
American Airlines	1,268.91	CLASS TRAVEL EXPENSE
Balanced Rock Counseling, LLC	650.00	JULY/AUG 2024 MONTHLY RETAINER & 7/19 GREEN CREW WELLNES CHECKS
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	2,159.58	JULY 2024 MEDICAL SUPPLIES
Cattlemen's	37.60	
CEBT	39,405.33	AUG 2024 MEDICAL & SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE COVERAGE
CenturyLink	115.51	07/22 - 08/21/2024 SRVC FOR LOMA MODEM
CFS Inspections	2,012.15	QTY OF 281 FEET OF GROUND LADDERS; QTY OF 44 HEAT SENSORS & UNIT31 75'
City Of Fruita (1)	67.38	JUNE 2024 FRUITA FIRE STATION SRVC
CMC Rescue	2,485.00	AUG 2024 ROPE RESCUE TECH I/II CLASS & ROPE RESCUE EQUIP
Colorado Fire Camp	685.00	TRAINING CLASS
Colorado Public Safety	26.33	TRAINING MATERIAL
Columbia Souther University	325.00	REVIEW CLASS FOR CERTIFIED COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC
Frank Cavaliere	500.00	AUG 2024 FIRE PREVENTION CONSULTANT FEE
Fruita COOP (2)	47.41	FUEL
Gearhead Outfitters	5,245.17	RESCUE ROPE EQUIP
Grand Valley Power	352.96	JUNE/JULY SRVCS
Hartman Brothers	207.74	COMPRESSED OXYGEN
Hobby Lobby	81.60	PICTURE FRAMES FOR RETIREMENT PARTY
Home Style Bakery	52.50	CAKE FOR RETIREMENT PARTY
IBSC	385.00	CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDIC EXAM
IDLH TECHNOLOGY	984.74	COMMAND BOARDS
Intuit	246.00	QB PAYROLL MONTHLY PER EMPLOYEE FEE USAGE
Iron Edge	1,941.96	AUG 2024 - IT SRVCS
Jesse Stocking	270.00	08/12 - 08/16/2024 CLASS MEAL REIMB.
Mesa County	7,500.00	JAN - JUNE 2024 AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEES (750 TRANSPORTS)
Municipal Emergency Services	392.45	QTY OF 2 PANTS; QTY OF 2 SHIRTS & QTY OF 1 JACKET
NATIONAL FIRE FIGHTER COPR	329.05	REPLACEMENT ON PUMP FOR TENDER #31
NEXTRAN TRK CTR FRUITA	26.52	BRAKE RELEASE/PUSH BUTTON FOR TRUCK #31
Pinnacol Assurance	5,348.77	7th of 9 INSTALLMENTS (\$4,315) & CLAIM DATES 2/6 & 6/10/24 (\$1,033.77)
Public Safety Drive Supply / Srvcs LLC	1,797.00	SWIFTWATER RESCUE LEVEL I NFPA - 3 EMPLOYEES
Sam's Club	457.64	RETIREMENT PARTY SUPPLIES & STATION SUPPLIES
Service Center	131.72	FUEL
Shannon L. Currier, CPA	745.00	2ND QUARTERLY'S; A/R REVIEW & MILEAGE REIMB
Skylar Smith	270.00	08/12 - 08/16/2024 CLASS MEAL REIMB.
Special Distirct Assoc. of Colorado	415.00	SDA 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
T-Mobile	119.80	05/19 - 06/18/24 SRVC - 2 IOT CONNECTED DEVICES
Taco Bell	54.11	TRAVELING MEAL
Testrac	95.00	CERTIFIED CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDIC PRACTICE EXAM
The Trophy Case	30.00	RETIREMENT PARTY SUPPLIES & STATION SUPPLIES
USPS	298.72	QTY OF 4 ROLLS OF STAMPS
Ute Water Conservancy District	222.13	06/12 - 07/11/2024 SRVC AT FRUITA & LOMA FIRE STATION
Valvoline Instant Oil Change (VIOC)	97.72	OIL CHANGE FOR 2013 DODGE RAM
Walgreen's	14.22	PICTURES FOR RETIREMENT PARTY
Walmart	37.93	SPRAY FOR PESTS & CLEANING SUPPLIES
Xcel Energy	57.31	06/19 - 07/22/24 LOMA FIRE STATION
	<u>\$</u>	<u>73,914.47</u>

**Monthly Financial Statement
As of 08/07/2024**

Account	Balance	May Interest Accrued	June Interest Accrued	July Interest Accrued
Cash On Hand	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Valley Bank/ LVFD main checking acct 5% rate	\$ 869,453.02	\$ 3,517.08	\$ 2,295.47	\$ 3,173.39
Colo-Trust General/ Plan Review Fees 5.5117% rate 30-DAY YIELD	\$ 2,969,376.00	\$ 9,088.19	\$ 11,648.31	\$ 13,586.97
Colo-Trust Infrastructure 5.5117% rate 30-DAY YIELD	\$ 987,842.26	\$ 4,464.21	\$ 4,342.57	\$ 4,520.08
	\$ 4,826,871.28	\$ 17,069.48	\$ 18,286.35	\$ 21,280.44

YTD ON INTEREST: \$ 109,416.31

Mesa County Statement of Collections

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
January	\$ 47,354.98	\$ 76,438.89	\$ 34,452.49	\$ 56,552.43	\$ 65,694.03	\$ 146,781.29	\$ 131,337.97	\$ 41,429.56
February	\$ 362,807.62	\$ 352,499.40	\$ 618,215.37	\$ 728,642.38	\$ 426,661.24	\$ 771,818.31	\$ 772,490.45	\$ 864,301.12
March	\$ 83,892.74	\$ 82,400.66	\$ 129,444.87	\$ 172,387.96	\$ 508,093.36	\$ 187,544.10	\$ 186,978.11	\$ 307,285.61
April	\$ 222,943.30	\$ 279,396.29	\$ 461,235.08	\$ 412,732.87	\$ 473,056.17	\$ 466,266.80	\$ 455,465.04	\$ 597,460.26
May	\$ 256,145.12	\$ 187,366.04	\$ 245,400.44	\$ 365,549.20	\$ 263,406.05	\$ 325,532.21	\$ 347,297.85	\$ 737,990.96
June	\$ 240,858.74	\$ 254,300.75	\$ 461,282.41	\$ 434,609.05	\$ 477,413.05	\$ 539,208.34	\$ 540,999.46	\$ 668,360.20
July	\$ 32,521.80	\$ 35,271.33	\$ 55,532.39	\$ 74,408.85	\$ 76,972.63	\$ 58,637.82	\$ 79,664.19	\$ 78,882.05
August	\$ 20,919.74	\$ 31,431.78	\$ 42,211.06	\$ 56,417.57	\$ 42,205.90	\$ 54,246.37	\$ 54,920.05	
September	\$ 19,734.38	\$ 22,331.26	\$ 39,114.35	\$ 40,489.52	\$ 39,396.02	\$ 45,921.23	\$ 40,604.16	
October	\$ 22,133.18	\$ 20,166.51	\$ 32,927.19	\$ 33,148.40	\$ 39,931.69	\$ 38,983.85	\$ 38,183.14	
November	\$ 23,470.50	\$ 28,383.41	\$ 39,858.59	\$ 36,200.84	\$ 42,729.52	\$ 47,592.78	\$ 47,094.05	
December	\$ 14,403.06	\$ 20,561.20	\$ 27,649.10	\$ 36,226.84	\$ 35,710.52	\$ 31,356.36	\$ 31,720.90	
	\$ 1,347,185.16	\$ 1,390,547.52	\$ 2,187,323.34	\$ 2,447,365.91	\$ 2,491,270.18	\$ 2,713,889.46	\$ 2,726,755.37	\$ 3,295,709.76

* Please note that May 2024 total includes:

\$	371,946.16	May 2024 Statement of Collections
\$	366,044.80	Backfill
\$	737,990.96	

2024 Lower Valley Fire Protection District Budget- Amended 08/07/2024

GENERAL FUND INCOMES		2022 Actual	Budget 2023	2023 Actual	2023 Difference	Budget 2024	Budget 2024- Amended	2024 YTD	2024 Remaining	% of Budget YTD
Starting Fund Balance			\$2,233,464			\$ 2,606,144	\$ 2,606,144			
Tabor Reserve			(\$120,538)			\$ (120,878)	\$ (120,878)			
Available Fund Balance			\$2,112,926			\$ 2,485,266	\$ 2,485,265			
REVENUES										
40000	Mesa Co General Tax	\$ 2,285,112	\$ 2,101,954	\$ 2,294,439	\$ (192,485)	\$ 2,625,840	\$ 2,625,840	\$ 2,622,944	\$ 2,896	100%
40200	Mesa Co Delinquent Tax	\$ 1,349	\$ 7,879	\$ 152	\$ 7,727	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 591	\$ 409	59%
40400	Mesa Co. Delinquent Tax Int	\$ 185	\$ 1,536	\$ 77	\$ 1,459	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 74	\$ 26	74%
40600	Mesa Co Gen Tax Interest	\$ 3,328	\$ 4,262	\$ 3,489	\$ 773	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,043	\$ 457	70%
40700	Public Safety Tax	\$ 104,129	\$ 95,723	\$ 96,886	\$ (1,163)	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 60,636	\$ 34,364	64%
40800	Mesa Co Treasurer Misc	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
41000	Mesa Co Ownership Tax	\$ 302,071	\$ 316,182	\$ 280,833	\$ 35,349	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 128,024	\$ 71,976	64%
41500	Senior/Veterans and 41550 - Personal Property <50K Tax Exem	\$ 67,365	\$ 65,975	\$ 66,996	\$ (1,021)	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 69,989	\$ (4,989)	108%
Total Tax Revenues		\$ 2,763,538	\$ 2,594,111	\$ 2,742,872	\$ (148,761)	\$ 2,988,440	\$ 2,988,440	\$ 2,883,302	\$ 105,138	96%
PENSION										
49010	Pension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	
OTHER INCOMES										
41600	Grant Funds Received	\$ 182,482	\$ 76,250	\$ 56,482	\$ 19,768	\$ 158,716	\$ 158,716	\$ 27,942	\$ 130,774	18%
42000	Interest: ColoTrust	\$ 18,721	\$ 523	\$ 72,609	\$ (72,086)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 86,687	\$ (26,687)	144%
42100	Transfer: Colo Trust- Capital Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	
42200	Interest: Grand Valley Bank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,657	\$ (10,657)			\$ 22,729	\$ (22,729)	
42800	Plan Review Fees	\$ 14,052	\$ 15,000	\$ 36,742	\$ (21,742)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,588	\$ 20,412	32%
43400	Out Of District Response Calls	\$ 652	\$ 3,500	\$ 62,593	\$ (59,093)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,042	\$ (20,042)	234%
45400	Copy Fees/Permits	\$ 6,666	\$ 6,283	\$ 6,600	\$ (317)	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 425	\$ 6,075	7%
45500	Memorial/Donations	\$ 70,907	\$ 4,000	\$ 47,015	\$ (43,015)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,360	\$ (4,360)	536%
46000	Fire Service Contracts	\$ 35,597	\$ 35,597	\$ 36,335	\$ (738)	\$ 36,827	\$ 36,827	\$ 37,718	\$ (891)	102%
48000	Ambulance Charges	\$ 2,019,729	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,102,307	\$ (102,307)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,276,106	\$ 723,895	64%
63000	Insurance Contractual Adjustments (Contra Revenue)	\$ (1,432,115)	\$ (1,240,000)	\$ (1,282,777)	\$ 42,777	\$ (1,240,000)	\$ (1,240,000)	\$ (579,023)	\$ (660,977)	47%
48010	Other Medical Income	\$ 23,399	\$ 18,500	\$ 75,652	\$ (57,152)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ (34)	\$ 75,034	0%
48020	Fund Raisers	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 40	\$ 2,960	1%
GENERAL FUND INCOMES		2022 Actual	Budget 2023	2023 Actual	2023 Remaining	Budget 2024	Budget 2024- Amended	2024 YTD	2024 Remaining	
48030	Other Types Income	\$ 22,869	\$ 67,436	\$ 60,589	\$ 6,847	\$ 77,500	\$ 443,545	\$ 461,867	\$ (18,322)	104%
Total Other Incomes		\$964,459	\$995,089	\$1,286,403	\$ (291,314)	\$ 1,223,543	\$ 1,589,588	\$1,384,447	\$ 205,141	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$3,727,998	\$3,589,200	\$4,029,274	\$ (440,074)	\$ 4,211,983	\$ 4,578,028	\$4,267,749	\$ 310,279	

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		2022 Actual	Budget 2023	2023 Actual	2023 Difference	Budget 2024	Budget 2024- Amended	2024 YTD	2024 Remaining	
ADMINISTRATION										
40900	Abatement	\$ 2,549	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,148	\$ 352	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 769	\$ 1,731	31%
40950	Abatement Interest	\$ 150	\$ 258	\$ 141	\$ 117	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 29	\$ 221	12%
41400	Mesa Co Tres. Commission	\$ 46,950	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,549	\$ 4,451	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	0%
60000	Bank / Credit Card Fees	\$ 4,214	\$ 3,285	\$ 1,418	\$ 1,867	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 663	\$ 2,337	22%
60100	Administration Fees/All	\$ 10,902	\$ 17,997	\$ 15,029	\$ 2,968	\$ 18,200	\$ 18,200	\$ 2,944	\$ 15,256	16%
60200	Legal/Audit/Notices: ALL	\$ 33,530	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,193	\$ 9,807	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 2,896	\$ 26,104	10%
60500	Election Expense	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 78	\$ 14,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
60910	Fire Prevention	\$ 205	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,259	\$ 241	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,299	\$ 5,701	43%
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES										
62500	Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 10,599	\$ 17,921	\$ 17,853	\$ 68	\$ 21,640	\$ 21,640	\$ 14,950	\$ 6,690	69%
72300	Colorado Unemployment Insurance	\$ 367	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
72500	CRA/Employer Match	\$ 12,976	\$ 11,730	\$ 11,002	\$ 728	\$ 13,049	\$ 14,694	\$ 6,777	\$ 7,917	46%
76500	FPPA/Employer Match	\$ 109,998	\$ 140,209	\$ 130,335	\$ 9,874	\$ 148,136	\$ 158,431	\$ 83,046	\$ 75,385	52%
76550	FPPA/Employer D & D	\$ 43,350	\$ 51,684	\$ 51,135	\$ 549	\$ 58,248	\$ 62,455	\$ 32,722	\$ 29,733	52%
77000	SS/Employer Match	\$ 6,826	\$ 16,307	\$ 16,505	\$ (198)	\$ 20,713	\$ 20,713	\$ 10,874	\$ 9,839	53%
77200	Medicare/Employer Match	\$ 24,650	\$ 25,286	\$ 28,781	\$ (3,494)	\$ 29,477	\$ 31,281	\$ 17,733	\$ 13,548	57%
77500	Wages Expense	\$ 1,726,095	\$ 2,034,210	\$ 1,984,886	\$ 49,324	\$ 2,202,902	\$ 2,332,465	\$ 1,222,945	\$ 1,109,520	52%
Total Administration		\$ 2,033,360	\$ 2,416,987	\$ 2,323,310	\$ 93,677	\$ 2,607,115	\$ 2,754,629	\$ 1,400,646	\$ 1,353,983	
70100	Travel Expense	\$ 1,959	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,169	\$ 331	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,451	\$ 1,049	58%
70500	Mileage Allowance / Personnel	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	0%
71000	Meal Allowance	\$ 3,247	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,297	\$ 1,203	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,912	\$ 588	83%
89500	Lodging Allowance	\$ 5,759	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,684	\$ (3,184)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,854	\$ 1,146	77%
89600	Supplies/Tests/CBI/Medical	\$ 2,705	\$ 3,025	\$ 1,408	\$ 1,617	\$ 14,875	\$ 14,875	\$ 580	\$ 14,295	4%
89700	Education - Materials	\$ 11,307	\$ 38,100	\$ 24,194	\$ 13,906	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 16,022	\$ 26,978	37%
89840	Clothing Allowance	\$ 11,174	\$ 5,165	\$ 4,619	\$ 546	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 9,810	\$ 6,190	61%
Total Personnel Reimburse/Expense		\$ 36,152	\$ 56,790	\$ 41,369	\$ 15,420	\$ 85,875	\$ 85,875	\$ 34,629	\$ 51,246	
INSURANCE										
89000	Dist.Liability/Bonds/Insurance	\$ 28,260	\$ 35,000	\$ 41,110	\$ (6,110)	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,253	\$ 9,747	78%
89100	State Comp/Insurance	\$ 40,070	\$ 65,000	\$ 70,473	\$ (5,473)	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 34,045	\$ 30,955	52%
89200	H&A/Insurance	\$ 354,375	\$ 421,643	\$ 402,734	\$ 18,909	\$ 446,643	\$ 446,643	\$ 289,468	\$ 157,175	65%
89250	Dental/Vision Insurance	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
89300	Claims/Expenses/Insurance	\$ 3,968	\$ 10,200	\$ 6,892	\$ 3,308	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ 8,500	0%
89400	Triad/Insurance	\$ 1,361	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,387	\$ 113	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 333	\$ 2,167	13%
Total Insurance		\$ 428,034	\$ 541,843	\$ 522,596	\$ 19,247	\$ 567,643	\$ 567,643	\$ 359,099	\$ 208,544	
SUPPLIES										
61000	Office/Small Equipment	\$ 1,475	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,550	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 996	\$ (496)	199%
61500	Office/Mailing Expense	\$ 2,489	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,253	\$ (253)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,107	\$ 893	55%
61800	Office/Supplies	\$ 5,402	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,670	\$ 1,330	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,813	\$ 187	91%
89800	Supplies/Medical	\$ 57,313	\$ 115,000	\$ 143,266	\$ (28,266)	\$ 73,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 37,154	\$ 35,847	51%
89810	Supplies/Fire	\$ 17,340	\$ 44,555	\$ 36,676	\$ 7,879	\$ 43,200	\$ 43,200	\$ 9,224	\$ 33,976	21%
Total Supplies Expense		\$ 84,019	\$ 168,305	\$ 187,416	\$ (19,111)	\$ 120,700	\$ 120,700	\$ 50,293	\$ 70,407	

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		2022 Actual	Budget 2023	2023 Actual	2023 Difference	Budget 2024	Budget 2024- Amended	2024 YTD	2024 Remaining	
STATION OPERATION/MAINTENANCE										
63500	Utility - Misc Expense	\$ 386	\$ 600	\$ 91	\$ 509	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 128	\$ 372	26%
65000	Utility - Phone	\$ 10,762	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,722	\$ (1,722)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,910	\$ (910)	110%
65200	Utility - Sewer	\$ 758	\$ 1,200	\$ 806	\$ 394	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 481	\$ 719	40%
65500	Utility - Trash	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,780	\$ 2,639	\$ 141	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,341	\$ 459	84%
66000	Utility - Electric/Gas	\$ 26,139	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,997	\$ 3	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 14,634	\$ 15,366	49%
66500	Utility - 911 Dispatch	\$ 72,141	\$ 81,711	\$ 81,711	\$ -	\$ 94,470	\$ 94,470	\$ 55,108	\$ 39,363	58%
67000	Utility - Water	\$ 2,892	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,467	\$ 1,033	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,546	\$ 1,454	52%
67500	Computer Expense	\$ 7,180	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,923	\$ 77	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 90	\$ 1,910	4%
68000	EMS Reimb/MC Emergency Manage	\$ 15,430	\$ 16,000	\$ 7,680	\$ 8,320	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	47%
68500	Maintenance/Radio	\$ 197	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,303	\$ (1,103)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,181	\$ 6,819	43%
69000	Maintenance Contracts	\$ 63,854	\$ 81,432	\$ 91,884	\$ (10,452)	\$ 113,149	\$ 113,149	\$ 71,992	\$ 41,157	64%
89820	Janitorial	\$ 2,962	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,947	\$ 53	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,919	\$ 1,081	64%
89830	Supplies - Food	\$ 1,308	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,980	\$ 20	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,122	\$ 2,378	32%
90600	Building Maintenance	\$ 21,114	\$ 14,500	\$ 9,413	\$ 5,087	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,536	\$ (536)	104%
90601	Miscellaneous	\$ 192	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ (5)	\$ 505	
Total Station Operation/Maintenance		\$ 227,349	\$ 245,923	\$ 242,564	\$ 3,359	303,119	303,119	\$ 184,483	\$ 118,636	
EQUIPMENT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE										
90000	Vehicle - Parts & Supplies	\$ 31,292	\$ 30,000	\$ 42,025	\$ (12,025)	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 15,566	\$ 29,434	35%
90010	Misc - Repairs/Maintenance/Tow	\$ 602	\$ 875	\$ 564	\$ 311	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 392	\$ 458	46%
90030	Fire Equipment Repair/Maint	\$ 19,740						\$ -		
90100	Vehicle - Small Tools	\$ 65	\$ 200	\$ 999	\$ (799)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 93	\$ 1,407	6%
90200	Vehicle - Tires & Tubes	\$ 9,235	\$ 11,600	\$ 15,802	\$ (4,202)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,273	\$ 5,727	18%
90300	Vehicle - Misc. Items	\$ 1,230	\$ 1,000	\$ 349	\$ 651	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 6	\$ 994	1%
71500	Fuel Costs	\$ 35,923	\$ 38,000	\$ 36,379	\$ 1,621	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,907	\$ 24,093	40%
71600	Oil & Fluids	\$ 165	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,237	\$ 2,763	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,826	\$ 2,174	46%
Total Equipment Repair/Maintenance		\$ 98,253	\$ 85,675	\$ 97,354	\$ (11,679)	\$ 99,350	\$ 99,350	\$ 35,063	\$ 64,287	
CAPITAL PROJECTS										
90400	Capital Building Expense	\$ 16,986	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,333	\$ 8,667	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	0%
90500	New Equipment/Future Capital Items	\$ 1,093,775	\$ 451,000	\$ 225,651	\$ 225,349	\$ 867,000	\$ 867,000	\$ 81,860	\$ 785,140	9%
90800	Pension Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital		\$ 1,110,761	\$ 476,000	\$ 241,984	\$ 234,016	\$ 872,000	\$ 872,000	\$ 81,860	\$ 790,140	
Total Expenditures:		\$ 4,017,928	\$ 3,991,523	\$ 3,656,595	\$ 334,928	\$ 4,655,802	\$ 4,803,316	\$ 2,146,072	\$ 2,657,243	
Increase/ Decrease in Reserves			\$ (402,323)	\$ 372,680		\$ (443,818)	\$ (225,287)	\$ 2,121,677		
Available Fund Balance			\$ 1,710,603	\$ 2,485,606		2,041,447	2,259,978	\$ 4,606,942		
Labor Reserve			\$ 120,538	\$ 120,538		\$ 120,878	\$ 120,878	\$ 120,878		
Ending Fund Balance			\$ 1,831,141	\$ 2,606,144		\$ 2,162,326	\$ 2,380,856	\$ 4,727,820		
Estimated Account Balances:										
Grand Valley Bank- Operating Account- Ending			\$ 658,019	\$ 767,981		\$ 679,724	\$ 679,724	\$ 679,724		
Colo Trust- Savings Accounts- Ending			\$ 1,244,844	\$ 2,015,854		\$ 1,660,293	\$ 1,878,824	\$ 1,758,745		

3% of previous yrs expenses

Resolution 08/13/2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as the Board of Directors of Lower Valley Fire Protection District have resolved to write off the following additional amounts as required for non-allowable charges of Medicare/Medicaid (*as required by law*), collection fees, deceased person, bankruptcy accounts (*as required by law*) and indigent accounts that are uncollectible for EMS service in the amounts as follows for the month of July 2024.

Contractual Adjustments:	\$ 98,789.46
Bankruptcy/Deceased/Indigent	\$ 538.63
Total:	\$99,328.09

We received \$273.16 from the Collection Agency for the month of July 2024. We sent \$3,163.54 for the month of July 2024 to collections.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Lower Valley Fire Protection District this 13th day of August 2024.

Lower Valley Fire Protection District
President of the Board of Directors

Lower Valley Fire Protection District
Vice-President of the Board of Directors

Administrative Update
8/13/2024

- SDA Conference- September 10-12
 - Last call for Board Members to register for in-person conference (lodging will be a problem at this point)
 - Reminder- On-line option also available but does require registration

Interim Fire Chief Report
8/13/2024

- CMU Marketing Video- Filming 8/16/2024
- Captain Assessment Center- 8/19/2024
 - Testing for 3 candidates to fill the 2 open Captain positions
- Legislative Updates-
 - Monitoring the Proposed OSHA Standard Revisions which would no longer allow of exemption
 - Initiative 50 & 108- More in New Business
- IT Service Provider- We have started the bid process for a new provider due to lack of service and obscene price increases with IronEdge. We will have to decide on the new provider next month to avoid a lapse in service.
- Staff Trainings-
 - I have been accepted into the Fire Officer III class and will be attending it at the NFA week in Denver September 9-13. This curriculum has a 2 year wait list and is a highly sought after program.
 - Captain Compton and Captain Schmalz will be attending trainings at the NFA week as well
 - Stocking, Reynolds, and White completed Swift Water Tech class in July
 - Smith and Stocking are attending Rope Rescue Tech training this week
 - Seal and Dix will be attending Fire Instructor I training at the end of September
- Apparatus Updates-
 - Braun Ambulance- Delivery Date is 9/26/2024
 - Crestline Ambulance- "Projected Completion Date" 8/22/2024 (No delivery date yet)
 - A-3113 continuing to have and develop new problem- This will be sold as soon as one of the news ones are in service
 - WT-32- Developing more severe problems due to age and use- Is next in line for replacement
 - New E-32- Still being told production will begin in November and no projected delivery date.
- Call Updates-
 - All crews have done an outstanding job covering the increased volume as well as district coverage during call backs.
 - Several significant fire calls in the past couple of weeks.
 - Currently, volume increase of 5% over last year

RESOLUTION NO. 08/13/2024-1

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE PROPOSALS, INITIATIVES 50 & 108**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of governments in Colorado, but not the State, levy a property tax to support essential public services and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, special districts are more dependent on property tax revenue than any other type of local government, as it is often their primary or even sole source of revenue;

WHEREAS, special districts have worked with their local voters to propose and approve property taxes, or to retain and spend revenues therefrom, to support services, facilities and infrastructure needed and desired by the community and, more generally, to support public health, welfare, and safety;

WHEREAS, both Initiative 50 and Initiative 108 will nullify prior local budgeting and revenue decisions by their officials and voters, replacing local control of their community with a statewide calculation that will result in billions of dollars of locally lost revenue without any reduction in service or legal obligations;

WHEREAS, Initiatives 50 and 108 will substantially impair the ability of special districts to provide the public services and infrastructure that their constituent communities expect because resources will not keep pace with the factors that drive costs, including: general inflation, population growth, aging infrastructure, materials and labor for capital projects, or increased demands during and recovery from economic downturns;

WHEREAS, Initiative 50 fundamentally converts the local government property tax system, which can be tailored to meet local needs, into a statewide calculation that will hurt communities throughout the State, in particular, slower growing areas of the State whose revenues may be reduced to offset overall increases driven by growth in urban and resort communities;

WHEREAS, the text of Initiative 50, which amends the Colorado Constitution, is so ambiguous that experts are confounded about how it can be implemented, including its impact on current and future governmental obligations, which will lead to years of politicking and legal challenges, making property tax an unpredictable and unreliable resource for local governments;

WHEREAS, Initiative 108 states that local governments will be reimbursed from state funds for lost property tax revenue, but that statement is an empty promise because those reductions are too large for the State's budget to sustain reimbursements, and further, the General Assembly has already indicated its disinclination in its recent property tax proposals and laws to provide reimbursements for lost revenue to non-school local governments; and

WHEREAS, Initiatives 50 and 108, individually and together, will destroy the short- and long-range planning efforts of Colorado's special districts that are necessary to absorb inflationary pressures, to employ public servants, to support existing and grow new public programs, to

construct and maintain government infrastructure, and to respond to the needs and emergencies of Colorado's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is the position of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District that special districts and their constituents are best suited to determine the revenues necessary to meet the needs, expectations, and demands of the communities they serve.
2. The Board of Directors recognizes that special districts are accountable to their local voters, who may take action if the taxes they pay are not warranted for the services, facilities, and infrastructure provided by special districts in their communities.
3. The impacts of these initiatives will delay or postpone indefinitely planning and development for the increased demand for emergency services in the rapidly growing areas of the district. This includes additional facilities for faster emergency response, firefighter training facilities, recruitment and retention of additional responders, and apparatus repair and replacement.
4. For the reasons set forth above, the Board of Directors concludes that both Initiative 50 and Initiative 108 diminish the ability of Lower Valley Fire Protection District to provide the vital emergency response service the public needs, expects, and demands; and, therefore, the Board strongly urges a NO vote on Propositions 50 and 108 at the statewide election on November 5, 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of August, 2024, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District.

Lower Valley Fire Protection District
President of the Board of Directors

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August 13, 2024

Dear Governor Polis, Speaker McCluskie, & President Fenberg,

I will get right to the point! I strongly urge you not to agree to the demands of the proponents of the property tax reduction ballot measures for a special session. Calling a special session is a dangerous and risky gamble without a guarantee to the budgets of already reduced local government revenues.

Despite claims of windfall revenues, let me assure you that the tax relief that has been provided to property owners over the last four years has made a significant negative impact on the finances of special districts across the state. Not to mention the difficulties of constant mood swings on how much property tax relief is sufficient to satisfy elected state officials desire to reduce local government revenues. I would be happy to sit down and walk you through our finances.

In the public square, there is a great deal of talk about this state's love for local governments and local control, please let that be more than political rhetoric and listen to the request made from special districts like mine and keep fighting the good fight to defeat initiatives #50 and #108.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Cullen Purser
Lower Valley Fire Protection District
President of the Board of Directors