



# Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

237 Blackfoot Rd Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

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## Board of Directors

Special Meeting  
August 25, 2025  
Crystal Lakes Fire Station  
7:00 pm

### Minutes

**Purpose:** The Special Meeting was conducted at the Chief's request for the purpose of discussing the 2025 Apparatus Replacement budget.

**I Call to Order:** Chair Robin Lauric called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II Board Members Present:** President/Chair Robin Lauric, Secretary Susan Vance, Treasurer Tom DeMint, Director Tamla Blunt, and Director Todd Cook.  
**Board Members Absent:** None

**III Quorum:** Yes

**IV District Members Present:** Chief Mike Clark

**V Approval of Agenda:** No changes brought forth, agenda stands approved.

**VI Order of Business:**

**a. 2025 Apparatus Budget:** To discuss reallocating Squad 2 budgeted funds to a new Command vehicle.

Treasurer Tom DeMint shared that the 2025 Budget approved \$100,000 for the replacement of Support to purchase a Squad (light rescue) vehicle.

Chief Mike Clark presented an Apparatus Budget Reallocation Proposal. Chief Clark mentioned that through his resources he discovered that purchasing a light rescue this year under the \$100,000 budget would result in a compromised, under-equipped vehicle. He further explained that a critical need for improved command and communication capabilities has become apparent and can be addressed with an Initial Response Vehicle (IRV)/Command vehicle. Some of the capabilities that would come with an IRV would be multiple radios, command console, ICS tools, connectivity (Starlink or cellular), CAD updates, personnel accountability, mapping with

GIS overlays, tracking air support, water sources, and SCBA capability. The demands from the recent Lone Pine Fire were used as an example of how an IRV would enhance deployments and safety when working with multiple jurisdictions.

The Chief would like the Board to see this pivot as a transparent, responsible adjustment that directly addresses today's gaps in command, accountability, and personnel movement while protecting the budget and delivering immediate improvements for the safety of our community. He would like to see a Light Rescue remain in the long-term budget plan for 2026.

The Board agreed to support the pivot of the purchase of the Squad vehicle that is identified in the 2025 Budget to an Initial Response Vehicle (IRV).

President Lauric emphasized the importance of continuing the work on the asset management plan as it plays a vital role in guiding the Board with longterm budget planning for apparatus and capital improvements.

**VII As the Board Desires:**

Susan said that she was very proud of Chief Clark for the fast response and deployment at the Lone Pine fire and a serious medical call on FS Road 336 south of CR80c.

Robin mentioned that the statutory deadline for the proposed budget to be submitted to the Board of Directors is October 15<sup>th</sup>. With the October Board meeting scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Board would need to consider moving the October meeting or scheduling a Special Meeting. Treasurer DeMint said he would try to work with Pinnacle and the Chief to have a proposed budget prepared for the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VIII Public Comment:** None

**IX Announcements:** None

**X Next Meeting:**

The next Regular Meeting of CLFPD Board of Directors will be held on September 25, 2025, at 6:00pm at the District Fire Station, 237 Blackfoot Rd Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545.

Pension Board Meetings will be held immediately following CLFPD Regular Board Meetings on September 25th and December 18th.

**XI Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Robin Lauric at 7:48 pm.

Attested by: *Susan W. Vance*

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