

MINUTES

for
February 11, 2026

The Regular Glacier View Fire Protection District (GVFPD) Board meeting was called to order by President Lamb at 7:00 pm.

Board of Directors Members present: President Berton Lee Lamb, Vice President Steve Groetke, Treasurer David Thompson, Director Henry Hudson, Director Daniel Laabs.

Fire Department Members present: Dan Knox – Chief, Amari Victoria - Secretary, Tom Hausfeld - Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team (CWPP IT) Coordinator, Elisabeth Menning - CWPP IT member and Information/Education Officer, Chris Sarafin – Firefighter (FF).

Public Member present: Les Thurman, Clark Woodward, Dave Burk.

Action February 11, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting Agenda, was accepted as presented, without dissent.

Swearing-In of New Members

Chief Knox asked Clark Woodward to stand in front of the Board of Directors and Board meeting attendees, to be officially sworn in as a Glacier View Fire Protection District CWPP IT member. Chief Knox administered the oath to complete Clark's swearing in. All attendees of the GVFPD Board of Directors meeting expressed congratulations to Clark.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of January 14, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting are included in February 11, 2026, Board Packet.

Secretary Victoria mentioned that she had discovered three date errors in the January 11, 2026, meeting minutes related to the year change.

Additionally, the section concerning Designated Election Official (DEO) Steve Cumming's prior experience as DEO for GVFPD was determined to be unclear and will be re-worded.

Lastly, a footnote will be added in the Public Comment section, clarifying Craig and Lora Gaskill's mention of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training, when in fact, the comment was regarding Paramedic training. Craig and Lora Gaskill's comment was a direct quote from an email received from them.

Action Director Laabs moved to approve the Minutes for January 14, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting, as corrected. Treasurer Thompson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed Treasurer's Report is included in February 11, 2026, Board Packet.

Treasurer Thompson reviewed Treasurer's Report, beginning with the Monthly Profit & Loss (P & L) sheets, bringing attention to lines 503 Office PC/Printer Supplies, 505 Admin Supplies – Other, 522 FF/EMS Reimbursement, 530 Appreciation Fund, 665 Apparatus Purchase, 718 Miscellaneous.

Accounts 503 and 505 will need to be scrutinized and possibly corrected. Currently, accounts 503 and 505 amounts are attributed to large annual charges, including annual membership. Account 522 is a quarterly charge also needs to be examined. Account 530 is attributed to charges related to the GVFD

holiday party. Account 665 indicates the annual payment for the new apparatus, and account 718 credited to 4th-quarter 2025 reimbursement payments.

Treasurer Thompson pointed out and discussed many of the same accounts on the Annual P & L sheets. Additionally, Treasurer Thompson brought attention to line 440 Interest Income. This value is negative because it is related to tax collection.

Following this, Treasurer Thompson discussed the checks written for greater than \$1000. Included were charges for the annual new apparatus payment, insurance coverage for the additional tender and pumper, appreciation gifts and hall rental/catering for Fire Department (FD) holiday party. He also mentioned that there had been a \$392 donation to the department.

Treasurer Thompson then began a discussion related to the Financial Procedure and his ability/responsibility to optimize the structure of account to maximize return to GVFPD. Considering this responsibility, Treasurer Thompson had spoken to bank officials and learned about an account type called a SWEEP account. He went on to describe this account type:

- It is an investment account that operates like a savings account.
- It is a LEGAL way for government entities to invest money (government entities normally CANNOT invest in the market).
- It earns 3% in interest.
- It has no guaranteed earnings (rate).
- It is a fee-based account, with a normal \$250/month fee, reduced to \$175/month for GVFPD. The fee is subtracted from the account monthly.
- The account type is covered by FDIC insurance, however, if the earnings on the account are insufficient to cover the monthly fee, the account is converted back to a normal Money Market account. This eliminates the normal investment-based risk.
- The SWEEP account will allow GVFPD to earn roughly more than twice as much as a Money Market account.
- The money in the account is always liquid. This is unlike a Certificate of Deposit (CD), where the money in the CD is NOT available for withdrawal without penalty.

A discussion by the Board of the responsibility of the Treasurer to maximize return on GVFD accounts and the SWEEP account offered by US Bank ensued.

Action President Lamb moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Director Hudson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Action President Lamb moved to direct the Chief to work with Treasurer Thompson to return to the March 2026 GVFPD Board of Directors meeting with corrections to account 503 Office PC/Printer Supplies and account 505 Admin Supplies – Other in the Monthly and Annual P & L sheets.

Chief's Report

Chief Knox's detailed report is included in February 11, 2026, Board Packet.

Chief Knox reported the number of calls in the previous month as well as the types of calls. He also provided a summary of 2025's calls.

The Chief began reporting with the Administrative Officer's (AO's) Report which is also included in the Board Packet.

Updates:

- Bylaw and Handbook revisions – the goal is to complete by end of 1st quarter 2026.
- Use Agreement with University of Denver (DU) – the Chief has met with DU and developments there have introduced some hurdles, namely securing the stall with GVFPD equipment and heating the stall enough to keep the planned storage of water from freezing.

Additional information not included in the Chief's Report:

- While mentioning the goals for 2026, the Chief mentioned replacement of two (2) Utility Vehicles (UTVs) rather than one.
- Chief Knox contacted Ann Terry of the Special District Association (SDA) and reported that elections are held in odd numbered years, so an election will not occur in 2026, rather it will occur in 2027. President Lamb commented that the GVFPD DEO, Steve Cummings, will hold that position until the election is executed next year.
- The Chief will verify with Treasurer Thompson whether an audit of the department is required this year (2026). He will also work with Treasurer Thompson on 2026 Capital and Facility planning.
- Snowpack on the North Plat is at 67% of typical for this time of year, with some areas in the 50% and 70%.
- Some detail about the DU hurdles:
 - The original plan was for the building to be five (5) vehicle bays, with the bay to be used by Glacier View Fire Department (GVFD) walled off.
 - DU has run out of money for the building, so the bay for GVFD was not walled off. A chain link security fence was suggested, which has a cost of about \$1,500.
 - A heater for the bay was also suggested, with a cost of \$3,000, with which DU can assist. Due to the chain link fence, the entire building would be heated by electric heaters to about 55°F. This would keep a water storage tank, which is in the plan, from freezing. Space for the tank has been confirmed.
 - Considering the prior suggestions, the cost to GVFPD could be \$2,000-\$2,500.
 - Maintenance of equipment stored at DU would fall upon GVFPD.
- It is likely that Engine 1 would be sold, and a Type 3 apparatus would be kept at DU.
- Though Firefighter (FF) Chris Sarafin lives nearby, the intention would be to install an electronic lock allowing access by any FF.
- DU discussions will be moved forward to March 2026, including a proposal and the Usage Agreement.
- A propane leak has been detected in the Station 1 bay overhead heaters. The Chief spoke with an HVAC person, and it was suggested that due to the age (20 years) of the heaters they should be replaced. A quote for replacement is forthcoming and includes relocating the heater so that they do not damage the overhead doors. The Chief would like to find funding for the replacement before fall, in preparation for next winter.
- Due to the low water level of Riddle Lake, it was discovered that the pipe for the dry hydrant is broken. Chief Knox spoke with Fred Barlow of Red Feather Excavating, and he estimated that the replacement cost would be \$4,800-\$5,000. The Chief suggested that money earmarked for the Station 2 water tank could be repurposed to accomplish the replacement. President Lamb indicated that the money is reallocated and will have no budget impact.
- The Chief mentioned that grants for Type 5 apparatus are not available at this time.
- Curious Board members are welcome to observe Ice Rescue Training.

Action Director Hudson moved to approve the Chief's Report as presented. Director Laabs seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

CWPP IT Report

A detailed CWPP IT Report is included in February 11, 2026, Board Packet.

CWPP IT Coordinator Tom Hausfeld reviewed the report included in February 11, 2026, Board Packet. Additional information not included in the Coordinator's Report:

- The Wildfire Mitigation Ambassadors Training class (flyer in Board Packet) will be attended by persons from multiple Larimer County fire districts. Dakota Condon or the Larimer Wildfire Partners Program (LWPP) will lead the training. Instruction for using an iPad will be included. These specialized iPads are used while performing an assessment to document the findings, and to create a report for the homeowner.
- The Colorado Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) will be known as the Red Feather Lakes Area Wildfire Defense Grant (RFLAWDG) going forward.
- The Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) grant decision was made on February 11, 2026. GVFPD was not awarded the grant. Other grants will be pursued for the purchase of a tractor for use by CWPP IT.

Action Treasurer Thompson moved to accept the CWPP IT Report as presented. Director Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Budget Committee Chair De Lano's could not attend the February 11, 2026, Board of Directors meeting, therefore no report is included in the Board Packet.

Unfinished Business

Report of the President's authorized contact with legal counsel

The Report of the President's authorized contact with legal counsel is included in the February 11, 2026, Board Packet.

President Lamb allowed a few minutes for the remainder of the Board to read the Report, as it was added later to the Board Packet due to legal counsel's sluggish response. After pausing, he began discussing the contents of the Report and his experience with GVFPD's legal counsel. One lesson learned is that legal counsel charges for work in six-minute increments.

President Lamb then presented the Resolution Establishing Board Policy for the Efficient and Cost-Effective Use of District Legal Counsel, "Resolution" that legal counsel provided and explained that the Resolution is one typically provided to other legal counsel's Special District Association clients. Also, an attempt was made to incorporate the details provided by President to legal counsel which were discussed and approved at the January 14, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

President Lamb summarized the Resolution, reviewed various sections of the Resolution. Action was taken before discussion could begin.

Action President Lamb moved to approve the Resolution Establishing Board Policy for the Efficient and Cost-Effective Use of District Legal Counsel. Director Laabs seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

The gist of the discussion that followed concluded that:

1. The Resolution supplied by legal counsel does not follow GVFPD's direction, even though the direction was given to legal counsel by President Lamb.

- Item 1 of the Resolution needs clarification. Much consideration was given to this item and its sub-items, and no consensus of meaning was obtained.

President Lamb will continue discussion with legal counsel to gain clarification on item 1 of the Resolution, as well as discuss GVFPD original direction given to legal counsel.

Action Treasurer Thompson moved to table the Resolution Establishing Board Policy for the Efficient and Cost-Effective Use of District Legal Counsel until the next GVFPD Board of Directors meeting. Director Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Proposal to modify Financial Procedures

During discussion during Treasurer Thompson's report, there was consensus among the Board members that the Treasurer is responsible for optimizing the account structure to maximize return to GVFPD and agreed that the Treasurer should evaluate options toward this end every five (5) years. No action was taken during the Treasurer's Report section of the meeting. This item removed from the New Business section of the meeting.

Public Comments

These comments are paraphrased.

- Speaking as a GVFPD member, Dave Burk expressed congratulations to a good 2025, with a lot of calls answered. He mentioned that it seems that things are going well and the new apparatus is in-service and looks good!
- Elisabeth Menning, speaking as a resident and GVFPD CWPP IT member, thanked the Board of Directors for their work.
- Tom Hausfeld, speaking as President of Red Feather Highlands, thanked the Board for the (eventual) positioning of apparatus at DU. It is equipment that will be located closer to

Directors Comments:

Director Laabs

Director Laabs expressed gratitude to Director Hudson for obtaining the Right of Entry (ROE) to do green space mitigation on Arikaree. He also thanked Chief Knox and the Board of Directors.

Treasurer Thompson

Treasurer Thompson remarked that thanks to Coordinator Hausfeld that he had had a mitigation assessment of his property and stated that the Larimer County Conservation Corps (LCCC) had performed a mitigation of his property. The Corp had limbed, bucked and stacked those mitigated materials within three hours. He expressed much appreciation for the grant, which made it possible to have the mitigation performed at no charge.

Director Hudson

Director Hudson thanked Chief Knox's group (EMS), Coordinator Hausfeld's group, Chief Knox and volunteers for their work.

Vice President Groetke

Vice President Groetke thanked Chief Knox and the EMS volunteers for their work and for taking calls at any time of day. He also thanked the CWPP IT volunteers as well as the Board members and Staff, for all they do.

President Lamb

President Lamb the Board members and commented that this district (GVFPD) is different than other Districts. He commented that the Chief, the EMS group and the mitigation group (CWPP IT) are all doing a great job, and that we are well organized, which is great! He also mentioned that the policies, however, are not well organized, and requested of the Chief that the Resolutions are kept in their own book.

As a final comment, President Lamb announced that GVFPD Budget Chair Fred De Lano has been hospitalized and will require a surgery to be performed.

Action Director Hudson moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the GVFPD Board. Treasurer Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

President Lamb declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amari Victoria, Secretary

Board Actions

- Approved direction to the Chief to work with Treasurer Thompson to return to the March 2026 GVFPD Board of Directors meeting with corrections to account 503 Office PC/Printer Supplies and account 505 Admin Supplies – Other in the Monthly and Annual P & L sheets.
- Tabled adoption of Resolution Establishing Board Policy for the Efficient and Cost-Effective Use of District Legal Counsel.

Acronyms

AO – Administrative Officer

C.R.S. – Colorado Revised Statutes

CD – Certificate of Deposit

CWDG – Community Wildfire Defense Grant

CWPP IT – Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team

DEO – Designated Election Official

DFPC - Division of Fire Prevention and Control

DOLA – Department of Local Affairs

DU – University of Denver

EMS – Emergency Medical Services

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

FACO – Fire Adapted Colorado

FD – Fire Department

FF – Firefighter

FPPA – Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado

FRWRM – Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation

GVFD – Glacier View Fire Department

GVFPD – Glacier View Fire Protection District (also referred to as the ‘District’)

GVM – Glacier View Meadows

HOA – Homeowners Association

HVAC – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

LCCC – Larimer County Conservation Corps

MVA – Moving Vehicle Accident

P & L – Profit & Loss

PC- Personal Computer

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

Q4 – 4th quarter, for example

RFLAWDG – Red Feather Lakes Area Wildfire Defense Grant (was CWDG)

RSVP - from the French phrase "répondez s'il vous plaît", meaning "please respond" (literally "respond if it pleases you").

SDA – Special District Association

UTV - Utility Task Vehicle

NEXT BOARD MEETING, MARCH 11, 2026