

MINUTES

for
April 8, 2026

The Regular Glacier View Fire Protection District (GVFPD) Board meeting was called to order by President Lamb at 7:01 pm.

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

Fire Department Members present: Amari Victoria - Secretary, Fred De Lano - Budget Committed Chair, Tom Hausfeld - Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team (CWPP IT) Coordinator, Elisabeth Menning - CWPP IT member and Information/Education Officer, CWPP IT member Dave Koster. Assistant Chief Jim Perry was present for the meeting but left for an emergency call; he did return at the end of the meeting.

Public Member present: Les Thurman, Keith Keller, Irene and Brian Kelley.

Due to Assistant Chief Perry's departure, the agenda items involving the Chief's/Assistant Chief's report/input will be moved until May 13, 2026, Board of Directors agenda and meeting.

Chief/Assistant Chief items:

- Chief's Report, including the Administrative Officer's (AO's) report.
- New Business items:
 - Action Required: Change in District boundary
 - UTV Replacement.

Action Treasurer Thompson moved to accept April 8, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting Agenda, as amended. Director Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Swearing-In of New Members

Coordinator Hausfeld commented that he was proud to announce that CWPP IT has twelve (12) new members, doubling the current number. These new members have signed up to become CWPP IT Ambassadors, though two members have signed up for chainsaw safety class allowing them to be Community Mitigation Volunteers. All new members were invited to perform mitigation tasks and/or work on any of the five (5) committees. All seven (7) of the new members in attendance provided a short introduction before being sworn in.

Coordinator Hausfeld asked all new members to stand in view of the Board of Directors and meeting attendees, to be officially sworn in as Glacier View Fire Protection District CWPP IT members. Coordinator Hausfeld then administered the oath to complete the new members' swearing in. All attendees of the GVFPD Board of Directors meeting expressed congratulations to the new members.

The new members are:

Bill Baurle, Brian P. Kelly, Craig Gaskill, Lora Gaskill, Don Herman, Sumukh Torgalkar, and Susie Campbell.

To familiarize the new members with the Board and meeting attendees, President Lamb then invited all in attendance to also provide a short introduction.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of March 11, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting are included in April 8, 2026, Board Packet.

Secretary Victoria mentioned that the investigation into measures that GVFPD 'report' creators could take to support Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance while creating those reports had begun but was not yet complete.

Action Director Hudson moved to approve the Minutes for March 11, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting, as presented. Director Laabs seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed Treasurer's Report is included in April 8, 2026, Board Packet.

Treasurer Thompson reviewed Treasurer's Report, beginning with the Monthly Profit & Loss (P & L) sheets, bringing attention to the Property Tax, Auto Tax, Building Levy, etc. amounts which have not yet been received, resulting in no income at all in the previous month. This income typically arrives in April.

Line 679 2020 CHEV SILV – Squad 2 was mentioned as the expense related to the repair of one of the panels damaged when the recent strong winds blew a trailer into the vehicle.

Line 717 Training/Conference was mentioned as a class expense.

Treasurer Thompson then moved onto the Annual P & L sheets, calling out the Total Income line, which is at 2% of budget due to the previously mentioned lack of income for the month. Line 530 Appreciation Fund, which was previously attributed to the GVFPD Holiday party was mentioned.

Line 679 2020 CHEV SILV – Squad 2 same as in Monthly P & L.

Line 713 – Firewise Event, funds used to purchase a table cover, banners, inserts and signs, slightly over budget.

Lastly, line 718 Miscellaneous, funding used for 4th-quarter CWPP IT volunteer reimbursement. Chief Knox has not yet re-assigned the expense to the account for reimbursements.

Following this, Treasurer Thompson discussed the checks written for greater than \$1000. Included were charges for the Squad 2 panel repair, labor for installation of retrofit kits on inside fixtures, the 2026 Neighborhood Ambassador class, labor for Station 2 installation of electrical, and miscellaneous charges charged to the department credit card(s).

Action Director Hudson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Director Laabs seconded the motion. No discussion.

Discussion concerning the charges to account 718 Miscellaneous followed. It was speculated that the expenses belong to account 522 FF/EMS Reimbursement, which would then align the expense with the budgeted amount.

A Board vote was taken to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief's Report

Chief Knox's detailed report is included in April 8, 2026, Board Packet.

As Chief Knox was unable to attend today's meeting, and Assistant Chief Perry had to attend to a call just before the meeting began, the Chief's Report was not discussed beyond determining what portions would need to be discussed at May 13, 2026, Board of Directors meeting.

Director Hudson commented that the Station 2 water storage tank work would serve the community better if it were handled sooner, rather than later. This topic will appear on the May meeting agenda.

Further discussion resulted in other topics which will need to be discussed, including Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) replacement, Handbook, By Law and University of Denver (DU) updates, and the four (4) residences which would like to join GVFPD.

Treasurer Thompson then began a discussion concerning grants that GVFPD applies for, mentioning that those we do apply for (\$10,000 or less) are great, but the department needs to apply for larger grants (\$100,000 for example), so that Type 6 apparatus may be purchased as replacement for Type 5's. The topic of hiring someone to be able to write these grants (applications), specifically a grant writer, was mentioned as a previous Board topic, along with the question whether it should be discussed. This topic will be added to the May 13, 2026, meeting agenda. It was suggested that the Communications (Info/Education Officer Menning perhaps) could possibly reach out on NextDoor for a volunteer who might do this.

Director Laabs raised a question about the dry hydrant in Riddle Lake, which was answered by Fred De Lano. The dry hydrant installation and recent repair was and is still the responsibility of the Glacier View Fire Protection District.

The approval of the April Chief's Report (including the AO's Report) will be moved to May 13, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting.

CWPP IT Report

A detailed CWPP IT Report is included in April 8, 2026, Board Packet.

CWPP IT Coordinator Tom Hausfeld reviewed the report included in April 8, 2026, Board Packet.

Additional information not included in the Coordinator's Report:

- The number of pending assessments to perform is three (3) rather than the seven (7) indicated in the Report.
- A donation to Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) was made by GVFPD's CWPP IT group to support their training work.
- A formal proposal was requested of the CWPP IT Coordinator by the Board, for possible scenarios surrounding the purchase of a tractor for CWPP IT use. The FRWRM grant applied for, intended to be used for this purpose, was denied.

Action Director Laabs 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 was in attendance though no report was included in the Board Packet. However, an inquiry was made concerning the substitution of Board members on the Budget Committee.

Treasurer Thompson described the mentoring of Director Laabs so that 1) more than one person on the Board understands the Treasurer's responsibilities and 2) perhaps sometime in the future Director Laabs may be able to become the Treasurer. The Treasurer's desire is that Director Laabs spend as much time as possible on the Budget Committee. The President provided an explanation of the reason why currently this is not possible, i.e. whenever there are three (3) or more Board members gathered, it is considered a public meeting. It was suggested that Director Laabs and Director Hudson could perhaps swap attendance at the Committee meetings, so that no more than two (2) Board members attended any given Budget Committee meeting. A discussion followed, with agreement that Director Hudson and Treasurer Thompson will be the Board members who attend the Budget Committee meetings (both of whom are members of the Committee), that Treasurer Thompson will continue to mentor Director Laabs in separate meetings, and that Director Laabs and Committee Chair De Lano will meet independently so that Director Laabs can learn about the Budget Committee and Committee Chair De Lano's methods for creating and maintaining the budget spreadsheet.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business on the GVFPD April 8, 2026, agenda.

New Business

Due to the absence of the Chief or authorized representative of the Chief, New Business items were moved to May 13, 2026, GVFPD Board of Directors meeting agenda.

Public Comments

These comments are paraphrased.

- Les Thurman, speaking as a GVFPD member, gave a shout out to Tom (CWPP IT Coordinator Hausfeld) for all the work he's been doing with the Ambassador program and the mitigation (volunteers).
- Speaking as a GVFPD member and GVFPD Budget Committee Chair, Fred De Lano gave a shout out to Henry (Director Hudson) for the work done on the Glacier View Meadows Homeowners' Association (GVM HOA) green space near Arikaree Peak Drive. Director Hudson's loaning of his tractor to remove mitigation debris from steep ravine areas is greatly appreciated.
- Elisabeth Menning, speaking as a GVFPD and CWPP IT member, thanked everyone and mentioned that in addition to the Gate 3 slash pile, part of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Red Feather Lakes Area (CWDGRFLA) will be used for the road-side collection of slash.
- Speaking as a GVFPD member and CWPP IT Coordinator, Tom Hausfeld thanked Henry (Director Hudson) for the use of his tractor and mentioned he hoped that it would not be needed again in the future.
- Keith Keller, speaking as a GVFPD member, mentioned that he knew of a person who used to be in the area (now in Fort Collins) who's business was writing grants, i.e. he wrote grants for a living. This person's name is Robert Gaines.
- Brian Kelley, a GVFPD and CWPP IT member, had no comment.
- Speaking as a GVFPD member, Irene Kelley thanked the Board of Directors and commented that it was a very interesting, enlightening meeting. She asked the Board members as to how GVFPD raised money to support the department, mentioning that back in New York, the Fire Department (FD) would request donations from the public. Treasurer Thompson responded, saying that although GVFPD qualifies as a not-for-profit organization (501c3), GVFPD receives most of its funding from residential taxes,

namely property taxes and mill levy specifically for the FD. Vice President Groeteke reiterated Treasurer Thompson's comments, commenting that we (GVFPD) can accept donations, though operation is not dependent on donations. Treasurer Thompson mentioned that the department had in the past attempted donation collections in Fort Collins, but was not too successful, and that though the department is not 'rich', it we're doing ok. We were able to purchase two new apparatuses. President Lamb commented that we are a local government entity and tax-based. Director Laabs added that he and Chief Knox had conversed about difference in department operation in our area compared to further East. President Lamb mentioned that the availability of new apparatus is reduced and that departments are struggling to acquire new apparatus. Chair De Lano mentioned that six (6) years ago, GVFPD was struggling, struggled to obtain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and that new volunteer firefighters (FFs) would inherit the gear from an FF who had left the department, and could be totally inappropriate for the new volunteer. Fortunately, the public (in the area) voted for a mill levy to support the department. The property tax assessment increases have helped a great deal in supporting the department as well.

- Amari Victoria, speaking as a GVFPD member, mentioned to CWPP IT Coordinator Hausfeld that the number of new Ambassador volunteers is amazing. Whether it is due to the fear of how bad this summer could be (concerning wildfires) or that there are just that many good people who want to help, is of no matter, as the fact is that it is all so beneficial to the people living in the area. Coordinator Hausfeld commented that the two biggest problems he has right now are not enough assessments scheduled and a slash pile that is already full.
- Assistant Chief Perry (who had returned to the Board meeting from the call) reiterated that six or seven years ago, the department had no money, PPE was out of date, and the apparatus was a 1972 Chevy. He mentioned that the department has come a long way since then, having obtained two new apparatuses.

Directors Comments:

These comments are paraphrased.

Director Laabs

Director Laabs relayed a comment by a GVM member, a former firefighter in another district, concerning a medical call involving a family member, expressing praise and gratitude for the hard work of the GVFPD volunteers. This member expressed that although it was one of the worst days of his life, that he was thankful for the GVFPD volunteers, and that they were professional, organized, fast and communicated well. The member had asked Director Laabs to pass along his thanks to Chief Knox and the volunteers. Director Laabs extended this thanks to the Board and the members in attendance. Director Laabs commented that although it is easy and exciting to become involved in all the matters in the GVFPD, these efforts have a profound impact on the community.

Director Hudson

Director Hudson thanked all the volunteers, commenting that we are all volunteers, and that nothing gets done if we don't volunteer. He expressed appreciation to Assistant Chief Perry, concerning his work with new apparatus, as well as to the new Ambassadors, and all in attendance, commenting that we're (GVFPD) coming along.

Treasurer Thompson

Treasurer Thompson expressed appreciation to the operations, commenting that most members know how to get to his house. He also expressed appreciation to the CWPP IT volunteers and the work they are doing. Treasurer Thompson would really like to see

GVFPD's CWPP IT get involved with other districts locally, and coordinating training for example, commenting that it is terrific. Treasurer Thompson also expressed appreciation to Director Hudson for volunteering his tractor for some of the mitigation work and apologized that a new tractor for the CWPP IT group has not yet been procured.

Vice President Groeteke

Vice President Groeteke thanked Chair De Lano for pointing out Director Hudson and all the work he has done, and volunteering his tractor, commenting that his tractor is not an inexpensive piece of equipment. He expressed appreciation for the operations volunteers, being an example this evening, answering a medical call, and to Coordinator Hausfeld, commenting that he couldn't be prouder. GVFPD has been at this (CWPP IT) for several years and is now the poster child for how a CWPP IT group can work within a fire department. It was quite an experience to see twelve new volunteers coming onboard tonight. Again, he can't be prouder. Vice President Groeteke then expressed thanks to everyone, and to the Board, which has come a long way, commenting that he was not around during the hard times for GVFPD, but appreciates everything that they had gone through. Vice President Groeteke commented that it has been a pleasure to be here.

President Lamb

President Lamb mentioned that this has been a really good experience for him as well. He is very thankful for the emergency department division and the mitigation division. He commented that this summer is turning into just the most frightening thing and even people with private wells are finding that their wells are not being well supplied. President Lamb commented that the mitigation work is extremely important. He pointed out the dedication of the emergency volunteers, having witnessed them responding to a medical call this evening. Furthermore, he stated that the Board approves training for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteers, and that the goal is to achieve as close to a world-class fire department as possible. There are six (6) surrounding Fire Districts, Glacier View, Livermore, Red Feather Lakes, Rist Canyon, Poudre Fire Authority, Crystal and Larimer County, which services areas to the North and West. Cooperation among the Districts is largely due to the Chief and Assistant Chief. President Lamb commented on the use of Robert's Rules of Order in conducting GVFPD's Board meetings, mentioning that we use a modified, more relaxed form, though order is generally kept. Finally, President Lamb supplied as general information, a document showing a spreadsheet of Comparative Average Homeowners' Insurance Costs for many states.

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 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amari Victoria, Secretary

Board Actions

No actions taken on any topic other than Report approval and adjournment.

Acronyms

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

AO – Administrative Officer

CMV – Community Mitigation Volunteers

CR – County Road

CWDG – Community Wildfire Defense Grant

CWDGRFLA – Community Wildfire Defense Grant Red Feather Lakes Area

CWPP IT – Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team

DU – University of Denver

EMS – Emergency Medical Services

FACO – Fire Adapted Colorado

FF – Firefighter

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

ISO – International Organization for Standardization

LC – Larimer County

LFPD – Livermore Fire Protection District

OEM – Office of Emergency Management

P & L – Profit & Loss

PCFD – Poudre Canyon Fire Department

PCFPD – Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

SAM – System for Award Management

UTV - Utility Task Vehicle

NEXT BOARD MEETING, MAY 13, 2026