

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LA PLATA ARCHULETA  
WATER DISTRICT  
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the La Plata Archuleta Water District, Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict, and Fox Fire Subdistrict, La Plata County, Colorado, (“District”) was held on February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance**

Dick Lunceford

Dan Lynn

Mark Williams

Kent Curtis

Ron Dent

**Also In Attendance**

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager

Trish Candelaria, Customer Service Representative

Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering

Karmen King, Grayling

Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

**In Attendance via Telephone**

Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Aly Roland, CliftonLarsonAllenLLP

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lunceford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest will be a topic of discussion at every Board meeting to address potential conflicts of interest that may arise as new agenda items are introduced. District Directors who have disclosed potential conflicts of interest can vote as issues arise. Directors present reported no conflicts of interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the January 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Tolen distributed the February 12, 2026, District Accounts Payable Report to be used in the accounting reporting and discussion with Board Members. Board members clarified specific expenses. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried, the invoices detailed on the February 12, 2026 District Accounts Payable Report were approved for payment.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Tolen advised the Board that this is the time of year when taxpayers pay attention to their recently received tax bills and call the District to ask how they can be excluded from the District and paying District taxes. Of particular note is a District 1 member who may attend a future District Board meeting to ask to be excluded from the District and to ask that the exclusion fee be waived.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Tolen advised those in attendance there was nothing new to report regarding District public relations and communications.

## **LEGAL/PARALEGAL REPORT**

Counsel Norris advised the Board that they can anticipate a Fox Fire Property Inclusion during the March 2026 meeting. When processed, fifteen of the sixteen Fox Fire subdistrict property owners will be included. The sixteenth property owner resides out of the district and the lot is undeveloped.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

### **Fox Fire Subdistrict Water System**

Mr. Henry advised the Board that he continues to review material submittals that ensures that the pipe, tanks, pumps, valves, and fittings will work as they should when the Fox Fire water system is made operational.

### **Phase 2D Pipeline and Phase 2E Pipeline**

He just received the drawings last night with the new pothole elevation information. He noted that crossings will need to be added to the drawings. Final plans leading to construction should be available soon. He reminded those present that potholing was also completed on Highway 172 which, barring unforeseen circumstances, should allow for construction during the summer of 2026.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

Ms. King reported that she has submitted to CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) all environmental information that CDOT needs from her. Specific plans, such as the Stormwater Control Plan and Traffic Control Plan, will be submitted to CDOT by the contractor after the project is awarded..

## **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**Fox Fire Subdistrict Project** –Mr. Tolen advised the Board that TRC Construction has completed construction of the four inch pipeline and should be able to begin construction of the three inch pipeline next week though installation will be challenging with all of the sandstone in the area of the pipeline.

### **TBK Bank Signatures**

Board members signed TBK Bank signature paperwork at the beginning of this meeting.

### **May Board Meeting**

The necessity of this discussion item no longer exists.

**March Board Meeting**

Director Lynn and Secretary to the Board Lynn will call in to the March meeting as they will be out of town.

**El Ranch Florida Metro District**

Please see the February 2026 General Manager's Report regarding the discussions involving the potential for the District acquiring the Metro District's domestic water system with 140 taps. This would not include El Rancho Florida Metro District's treatment facility nor the raw water system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was not conducted.

**ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Southwest Water Conservation Meeting**

Mr. Tolen will send information by email to the Board regarding the upcoming Southwest Water Conservation meeting to be held March 27, 2026, at the Sky Ute Casino. Please notify Mr. Tolen if you wish to attend so he can ensure you are registered for the event.

**Current DISTRICT Rates and Charges**

Mr. Tolen will also send information by email to the Board regarding the District's Current Rates and Charges, including Capital Investment Fees, Water Rates, and Miscellaneous Rates and Charges.

**Hiring A Person to Work at DISTRICT** – Mr. Tolen requested and received approval to place 270 paid radio advertisements on 3 local radio stations in an effort to hire a Distribution 2 operator to learn how to operate the District's water system.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the District is scheduled for March 12, 2026.

**PREPARED BY**

Cheryl Lynn  
Secretary for the Meeting

**APPROVED**

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis