

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LA PLATA ARCHULETA  
WATER DISTRICT  
HELD MARCH 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 March 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance**

Dick Lunceford

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

**Also In Attendance**

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager

Trish Candelaria, Customer Service Representative

Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering

**In Attendance via Telephone**

Dan Lynn, Director

Kent Curtis, Director

Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

Micki Mills, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

**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 and present via telephone reported no conflicts of interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Tolen distributed the District’s March 12, 2026 Accounts Payable Report to be used in the accounting and reporting discussion with Board Members. Board members clarified specific expenses. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and

unanimously carried, the invoices detailed on the March 12, 2026 Accounts Payable Report were approved for payment.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

A Finance Committee Report was not presented.

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

Mr. Tolen reported to those in attendance there are still people who notice the District taxes on their current property tax notices and call the office to say they do not want to pay taxes. Callers are advised of the exclusion process to request removal of their property from the La Plata Archuleta Water District.

## **LEGAL/PARALEGAL REPORT**

Paralegal Mills advised the Board regarding a Petition for Inclusion into the Fox Fire Subdistrict for property located at 1788 Fox Fire Rd, Bayfield, CO 81122, letting them know that notice of a hearing was legally published. Chairman Lunceford opened a public hearing and after having no public testimony, closed the public hearing. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board adopted the Resolution Approving the Inclusion of the property owned by Robert Zach Shrum and Avery Shrum and located at 1788 Fox Fire Road, Bayfield, Colorado, into the Fox Fire Subdistrict.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

Mr. Harris advised the Board regarding an article published in the Durango Herald and Denver Post in which he was quoted. The City Council of Durango has voted to fund repairs for the water pipeline that carries water from City Reservoir to serve their water users while at the same time the Florida River water level is very low. The concern is that, given the lowest snowpack in recorded history in the San Juan Mountains right now with another low moisture year expected in 2027, water storage appears to be critical to supply the City's needs and the City owns water in Lake Nighthorse, yet there has been little movement from the City to access the stored water to provide an additional source for the City's needs.

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

Mr. Henry advised the Board that he continues to put detailed effort into ensuring that the drawings for Phase 2D are accurate and ready for review by the Colorado Department of Transportation after which time the plans will be put out to bid. Once the drawings and specifications are fully complete, the project should be ready to put out to bid. He estimates that this should occur in two to three months. Allowing six months for construction, the estimated time from CDOT approval to being able to turn on the tap is estimated at eight to nine months. Phase 2E is following closely behind Phase 2D as some of the processes have been simultaneous.

### **Fox Fire Subdistrict**

Mr. Henry reported that he is working closely with the pump supplier to ensure their equipment meets the requirements of the project, as he works to provide a system that will run smoothly for many years post-installation.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

An environmental report was not given.

## **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**Fox Fire Subdistrict Project** –Mr. Tolen advised the Board that TRC Construction began laying 3” line the week of the March Board meeting. In addition, both pump station vaults have been placed. Pumps should be installed in approximately two months.

### **Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Sell a 2015 Ford F250 VIN 1FTBF2B61FEA28356**

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board authorized the sale of a mechanically sound 2015 Ford F250 VIN 1FTBF2B61FEA28356 pickup, value projected at approximately \$10,000, with mileage of 180,000.

### **El Rancho Florida Metro District**

There has been no further communication regarding a further cooperative agreement between the El Rancho Florida Metro District and La Plata Archuleta Water District.

### **County Road 223 Subdistrict**

No information has been forthcoming regarding a possible County Road 223 Subdistrict.

### **Radio Advertisements for Distribution 2 position**

Mr. Tolen reported that the advertisements ran on local radio stations for 12 days from February 26<sup>th</sup> and he did not receive any phone calls of interest for the Distribution 2 operator position. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, Mr. Tolen was given approval to recruit from the Mesa, Delta, Grand Junction, and Montrose area as well as the Front Range.

### **CR 510 Water Main Crossing Ute Land**

Mr. Tolen has submitted the renewal application for the easement across the Southern Ute Tribal land along CR 510. He has requested that the renewal be extended for 50 years.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was not conducted.

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

No other matter was presented.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **PREPARED BY**

Cheryl Lynn  
Secretary for the Meeting

## **APPROVED**

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis