



ISLA 2026 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: 27 Landowners to include 2 online and Board of Directors members:
Lester Limón, Darin Anderson, Rich Castle, Clark Gardner, Scott McGaffey and Mary Stark

11:30 **Call to Order:** Lester Limón – Welcome and Introductions

Annual Chair reports

President's Report – Lester Limón

- Many thanks to those who work diligently behind the scenes to benefit the community

Secretary's Report – Mary Stark

- Several lots changed hands this year. Welcome new owners!
- Keeper of the "List" – thank you to all who reach out to change addresses/contact information. This list is cross-referenced with the Fremont County Assessor's site for owner accuracy several times annually
- Annual renewal with the Colorado Secretary of State to maintain Certificate of Good Standing for ISLA
- Annual report for ISLA Spring water usage filed with Colorado Division of Water Usage – Please log the water that you take from the spring so that we can continue to retain this important Indian Springs asset
- Email blasts to community as needed
- Thanks to Clark for the user-friendly website with great community information

Treasurer's Report – Darin Anderson – As of 6/8/26:

- PB&T Balances:
 - Checking: \$21,329.51
 - **Total: \$21,329.51**
- Vanguard Balances:
 - Emergency Savings: \$5,048.49
 - Reserve: \$36,773.00
 - Operational Savings: \$17,467.11
 - **Total: \$59,288.60**

- 2026 Budget Tracking: Tracking very well to budgeted line items (at budget or under), no current concerns regarding covering expenses or being able to contribute to the Reserve Account at the end of the year.
- Liens: 0 (zero) unique liens outstanding (a first since 2023)
- Station 3 Financials:
 - Received to date: \$31,400 (100%)
 - Spent: \$29,905.43 (95%)
 - Remaining: \$1,494.57
- Transient Lodging Fees:
 - 1 lot (as of April 2026) renting their homes as vacation rentals
- Wildfire / Roadside Mitigation (possible through collaboration with DMFPD goals):
 - Phase 15 Partially Complete as of June 2026: \$1,502.50
 - Remaining Grant Funds Available: \$12,927.50
 - Complete: Removing boulder and installing asphalt on Cedar Bluff.
 - Pending: Red Feather / Birdpoint widening and hardening.
- Road Subcommittee Erosion Prevention:
 - \$13,200 was 'borrowed' from the ISLA Operational Savings in an effort to install a number of proactive erosion control upgrades in ISLA.
 - These included installing larger culverts in higher volume areas, concrete rip rap for slope retention, and a bulkhead retaining wall / widening at Tenderfoot.
 - The intention is to 'save' approximately \$3-4k from the annual Road Maintenance Budget for the next 3-4 years to replenish those funds back by spending less on repairs after the fact.
- General Financial Announcements
 - Bookkeeping
 - In 2025 ISLA purchased QuickBooks online, saves ~1k annually.
 - Rich Castle is volunteering as Bookkeeper.
 - Easy online payments via ACH, CC/debit, etc tied directly to the invoice and ISLA absorbs the transaction fees.
 - In 2026 we saw roughly 60% pay by online options vs 40% by standard check.
 - Note: We saw at least 3 checks lost by USPS in transit in regard to assessment payments. ISLA is now enrolled in USPS "Informed Delivery" in an attempt to mitigate "lost" checks in the mail.

Road Report: Maintenance/Mitigation – Carl Jones

- Progress @ Red Feather and Birdpoint continues with bringing all materials – should be finished in about a week
- Mitigation on Tenderfoot is complete
- Mitigation on Burnt Timber is complete – just need to pick up debris
- Fall and Springs grading complete

- Thanks to landowners who donated landscape tenders, telephone poles and to W & K for donated rip rap materials for various road improvement projects and retaining walls
- Culverts not being used will be stored by Carl – he will use good sections for culver repairs and can also use crushed sections for road maintenance

2026 Election of Board of Directors and Bylaw Issue Explained

- Explanation of proposed bylaw change – Lester Limón - Bylaw Verbiage concerning Lot Consolidation Ballot Initiative – to **Article VII, Section 22** –
- Board of Directors Candidates – Introduction and ballot tally

Executive session of 2026-2027 Board of Directors to appoint officers

Announcement of ISLA Board of Directors Positions for 2026-2027:

President:	Lester Limón
Vice President:	Scott McGaffey
Treasurer:	Darin Anderson
Secretary:	Mary Stark
Member at Large:	Rich Castle
Member at Large:	Clark Gardner

Special Guests: DMFPD Fire Chief Marcus Widener & Chairman of the Board Miriam Andolini

Chief Marcus Widener:

- Has been working hard to build bridges and relationships locally
- Chief can now call for flight assistance if he sees smoke – nearest helicopter is 20 minutes away from launch at Penrose Airport to Indian Springs
- Performs periodic checks on trucks and water status
- Worked with Darin to assess road work needed and mitigation
 - Toured Indian Springs on 6.13.26 and is very impressed with progress of road work and mitigation
- Needs volunteers for firefighting – Full time and Part time Indian Springs residents
 - Currently 1 volunteer from Indian Springs: Dave Nowlan
 - Training provided for firefighting only (no need for ambulance training) unless volunteers would like to be trained in this as well
- Equipment in Fire Station #3
 - ISLA plow truck with 500 gallon tank
 - DMFPD Type 4 land firetruck – Vietnam era – rebuilt and has 2200 gallon tender
 - Our Indian Springs volunteer, Dave Nolan, is called away to fight fires elsewhere. If Dave is gone, the IS firetruck will be moved out of Station #3 until he returns unless there are others in Indian Springs trained as firefighters
- Where to exit community in case of fire
 - Darin Anderson has access out from his house – need 4-wheel drive to get there
 - Head to Fire Station #3
- Ambulance Information
 - Ambulance calls are manned in Deer Mountain with office hours Monday- Friday from 8:00AM– 4:00 PM. If outside these hours, responders respond from home.

- Flight for life Information –
 - Highly recommend flight for life insurance – <https://www.reachair.com>
 - Need designated zone for Indian Springs landing (ideal 100x100) can land in less space depending on pilot – David Nuss volunteered to investigate
- Call for help:
 - Now can text 911
 - Share your exact location worldwide with emergency services: Download app: “what3words” and know the 3 words for your location in Indian Springs. Text those 3 words to 911. This location system is being used worldwide as it gives easy to understand exact location of where help is needed. (longitude/latitude is often miscommunicated)



- App looks like this:
- Desktop site: <https://what3words.com/clip.apples.leap>
- Fire Ban is now in effect - \$250 fine for first offense

President of DMFPD Board Miriam Andolini:

- Communications: If you are a registered CO voter and own land in Fremont County, you are eligible to receive text messages regarding DMFPD initiatives and announcements
 - If you are not receiving this communication, you may visit <https://www.sos.state.co.us/> and add your information
 - Follow Facebook page: Deer Mountain Fire Protection District
 - Website: <https://dmfpd.specialdistrict.org/>
 - Email:
 - Chief Marcus Widener: chief@dmfpd.org
 - DMFPD Chairman: chairman@dmfpd.org
- Ballot Initiatives: Deer Mountain may need to do another mill levy as some equipment is very old. A mill levy for the DMFPD was on 2025 ballot. This mill levy was to fully fund and put into place a service plan for ambulances and fire trucks. Unfortunately, the mill levy lost by 5 votes in 2025.
- The last mill levy that passed was in 2011. Deer Mountain has added an ambulance since then with no funding.

Old Business: none

Open Session for questions: no questions

12:51 Annual Meeting adjourned

2026 Upcoming ISLA Board of Directors Meetings:

- **5:00 PM** Wednesday, September 9
Scott & Becky McGaffey's barn: 332 Red Feather Rd & online

- **5:00 PM** Wednesday, December 9
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