Lafourche Ambulance District #1

Meeting Minutes

17078 West Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345

April 22, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Ambulance District #1 (LAD#1) met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. at its Administration Office located at 17078 West Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Dean Savoie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called: **Board members in attendance:** Dean Savoie, Reggie Pitre, Brian Marts, Aaron Arabie, and Tad Lafont. **Board members absent**: Kip Plaisance and N J Lefort.

Also present were: Administrator Michelle Pierce, Operations Manager Brady Daigle, Administrative Assistant Debra "Pepi" Guidry, Data Manager Lisa Tegart, Consultant Tracy Wold and Laurie Coleman.

Comments from the public –

- **A.** Laurie Coleman issues on insurances and tax dollars. Tracy Wold to address. Mrs. Coleman addressed the Board about issues she's encountered with LAD#1 not being a member of any insurance networks. Mr. Tracy Wold explained that most all ambulance companies are not part of any networks and it's because the in-network rates being offered to ambulance service companies by insurance companies is less the Medicare reimbursement rates. He also explained that the type insurance company also plays a part in the reimbursed amount and how the balance billing is handled.
- **B.** Tristen McDonald – Request financial support for paramedic program – Mrs. McDonald could no attend because of an illness.

Meeting Minutes – Motion by Aaron Arabie to approve the March 17, 2026 LAD #1 regular board meeting minutes as written, second by Brian Marts. Unanimously approved.

President's Report – Dean Savoie – No Report

Administration & Financial Report

- **A. Operations Report** – Operations Manager Brady Daigle reported that one employee is out due to medical reasons. He also reported on call volume, call statistics, unit maintenance, VRI medical alert devices, response times and chute times. Mr. Daigle also mentioned that he has begun researching new heart monitors and Lucas devices. Brady also spoke on looking into different grants for equipment.
- **B. Administrative Report** - Administrator Michelle Pierce presented the March 2026 finance report on collections, run charges, account balances and millage collections. She also reported that our contracted computer tech had retired and that she met with Expert Technology of Larose about the services offered.

Next Meeting Date – May 19, 2026 at 6:15 pm.

Guest Comments - None

Being no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn by Reggie Pitre, , second by Tad Lafont. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

/s/**BRIAN MARTS**
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/**MICHELLE PIERCE**
Administrator