# Lafourche Ambulance District #1

*Meeting Minutes*

*17078 West Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345*

*August 18, 2026*

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The Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Ambulance District #1 (LAD#1) met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 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, Kip Plaisance, Brian Marts, N J Lefort, Aaron Arabie, and Tad Lafont. **Board members absent**: None. Also present were: Administrator Michelle Pierce, Operations Manager Brady Daigle, Administrative Assistant Debra "Pepi" Guidry, Data Manager Lisa Tegart, Collections Clerk Phebe Dardar, Councilman Daniel Lorraine, and a host of LAD#1 Paramedics and EMT's as well as LPFD #3 Chief Devin Dedon, Miles Rousse and Mary St. Pierre.

**Comments from the public**

- **A.** Councilman Daniel Lorraine – Stated he's been involved with LAD #1 for a very long time and appreciates the excellent service provided.
- **B.** Paramedic Deeann Bergeron – addressed the Board about her experience as an employee of LAD#1. She also spoke at staffing, recruitment and education.
- **C.** Paramedic Tierany Fangue – addressed the Board about the cost of dependent health insurance.
- **D.** Paramedic Kyla Merrifield – addressed the Board about pay raises.

**Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Aaron Arabie to approve the July 21, 2026 LAD #1 regular board meeting minutes as written, second by Kip Plaisance. Unanimously approved.

**President's Report** – Dean Savoie

Present to the full board the discussions from the finance committee meeting –

- **A. Operating a 5th Ambulance Unit** - Recommendation to the full Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Ambulance District #1 that we operate 4 ambulance units daily and operate the 5th unit only when necessary. Motion by Kip Plaisance, second by Aaron Arabie. Unanimously approved.
- **B. Fairs and Festivals** – Recommendation to the full Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Ambulance District #1 that all fairs and festivals within the boundaries of the 10th Ward of Lafourche Parish requiring our ambulance unit to remain on the fairgrounds the entire time festivities are open to the public will be charged an hourly fee as shown in a contract between said fair/festival and Lafourche Ambulance District #1. Otherwise, if our unit is requested as a standby on the fairgrounds and will respond to area emergency calls as needed; there will be no charge. Recommendation that hourly rate will be $175.00 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours; rate to be adjusted annually, if needed. Motion by Aaron Arabie, second by Kip Plaisance. Unanimously approved.
- **C. Cable TV Services** - Recommendation to the full Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Ambulance District #1 to discontinue cable tv services at Larose, Galliano,

and Golden Meadow stations and administration office. Motion by Kip Plaisance, second by Brian Marts. Unanimously approved.

**Administration & Financial Report**

A. **Operations Report** – Operations Manager Brady Daigle reported that multiple employees were out for different reasons. He also reported on monthly statistics, unit maintenance, lawn care, VRI medical alert devices, average response time; and chute times. He also reported that in place of cable tv antennas will be installed at the substations.
B. **Administrative Report** - Administrator Michelle Pierce presented the July 2026 finance report on collections, run charges, fund balances and ongoing efforts to reduce spending.

**Next Meeting Date –** September 15, 2026 at 6:15 pm.

**Guest Comments –** LPFD#3 Fire Chief Devon Dedon commented that LAD #1 does a great job; saving lives every day. He also stated that when LAD#1 can increase pay; don't forget who stuck around.

**Member Comments:** Member Reggie Pitre submitted his resignation effective immediately. He also submitted a public records request

Being no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn by Tad Lafont, second by N J Lefort. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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

/s/**MICHELLE PIERCE**
Administrator