

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
January 12, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on January 12, 2017 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Huber, Rice and Allen. Director Rossi was absent. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of January 12, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Updated minutes were provided to the Board. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the updated minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to the Boards attention that Director Allen approved minutes for a meeting where she was not yet sworn in as a board member. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to re-approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Allen thanked everyone for their help during the recent storms.

COMMUNICATIONS

Great job to everyone, keep up the good work.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

The JPA meeting scheduled for January 9, 2017 was cancelled due to weather. Director Bettencourt would like to keep all parties involved in the JPA decision making together and on the same page so that we can keep moving forward.

Lake Valley Fire personnel have been doing a great job in helping out the JPA by picking up overtime shifts and with the accreditation process.

Battalion Chief Hekhuis put out a recent memo regarding hazardous travel conditions for Medic 6 and Medic 7. The memo stated that we will continue to respond with the time requirements set forth in the contract for priorities four, five and six but if current conditions place patients or LVFPD personnel in a hazardous travel environment and the patient is not in need of definitive care, then the Caption and Duty Chief will determine response time. This memo and policy was sent to the JPA with the hopes of Medic 1 and Medic 3 following suit. Discussion ensued and Board members and LVFPD staff all agreed that patient care and crew safety are issues that need to be communicated with Barton Memorial Hospital. Since Barton's staff rotates and all the doctors have a different interpretation of the contract it was suggested that we meet with the decision makers at Barton to discuss this issue further. Director Huber suggested that we invite Barton to the next JPA meeting to find a way to make sure that Barton's policies and the JPA's policies coincide and if they don't, then we can figure out how to make them meet.

NEW BUSINESS

C. North Upper Truckee Traffic and Emergency Access – Information Only

We are seeing a huge problem with the traffic on North Upper Truckee as people are trying to circumvent chain control on Hwy 50 during inclement weather. This is posing a problem for emergency traffic as access to the

area is difficult. This is also causing an economic issue as people cannot get to work to support our economy. El Dorado County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Almos was present and stated he had attended a community meeting regarding the matter and that County Board of Supervisor, Sue Novasel is aware of the issue. He stated that it was his understanding that an ordinance was to be drafted to put up chain control which would allow EDSO to monitor traffic, that hasn't happened. Almos stated that we should document our calls for service in the area and if we encounter a delayed response due to traffic. The Board of Supervisors can draft an ordinance, but probably will not happen without LVFPD's participation. There is a roundabout meeting on January 19, 2017 where this may be discussed as well.

A. Board of Directors Reorganization

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to keep the organization of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Board the same with Robert Bettencourt as Chairperson, David Huber as Vice Chair, and John Rice as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to keep the JPA committee the same with Robert Bettencourt and David Huber as Board Members. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Update of MOU Based Pay Rates and Special Compensation

The Board was presented with updated pay scales to sign and attach to the existing MOU.

D. Firefighter's Association

This year's Firefighters Ball will be held at Edgewood March 10, 2017. Tickets are on sale now. Staff members will be attending the Captains Academy in the City. Beacon training station will be coming online soon at Station 7. The airbag refill station is already up and running.

E. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Zlendick updated the Board on the storm system that came through and thanked everyone for coming in and backfilling the station.

Battalion Chief Hekhuis reported that overtime is still improving. We will have overtime from the recent storms. LVFPD helped the JPA over the New Year's holiday and all went well.

Battalion Chief Sitton updated the Board on the EAP program being in place. He also stated that he is trying to get all neighboring agencies together for training opportunities.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

LVFD hosted a retiree's breakfast and it was a great reminder of our history and our legacy. Chief Alameda reported to the Board that the District is 70 years old. He suggested that we get a bell to commemorate. He is working on his annual report and will have it soon.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2016- December 31, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District payroll for pay period 24 for \$122,695.523, for pay period 25 for \$117,273.49 and for pay period 26 for \$172,558.68. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the bills paid December 27, 2016 for \$29,179.60 and on January 12, 2017 for \$44,995.95. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved at the meeting of February 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes