

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 12, 2013 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Huber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were present the following Directors: Huber, Rice, and Bettencourt. Director Rossi was absent. Director Herback arrived at 7:01 pm. Also present were Fire Chief Harris and Lake Valley personnel.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented after moving 7 - Closed Session to follow 9 - New Business.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2013 after changing the JPA report presentation to being made by Director Huber, not Director Bettencourt. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Attinger, retired Board member and insurance agent, made a statement regarding the possible future healthcare rate increases. He offered to investigate possible alternatives and provide the District with the information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Harris presented several performance ratings for the engine crews from the Rim Fire and the American Fire, a letter commending the performance of District personnel during a medical aid, and several customer satisfactions surveys.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

Chief Poell advised the Board that we have received FEMA approval for a total of \$4,900,000 in Phase II. Jessica Mahnken is stepping down as grant coordinator and her responsibilities will be taken on by Martin Goldberg, Patrick Meenan and Teri Tucker. Patrick Meenan gave a presentation to the Board explaining the process for the grant, and a demonstration of the database.

B. PSAP Options

Chief Harris advised the Board that there is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter's Association

Engineer Hagenbach advised the Board that many strike teams have been sent out recently, especially to the Rim Fire. Additionally, he reported that a Captain's promotional exam will be held in November, and that the firefighters will be wearing pink shirts during the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness.

B. Fire Adapted Community

Chief Poell made a presentation to the Board regarding the development of a fire adapted community, which entails community-wide establishing to create fire-safe neighborhoods. It also involves applying for a benefit assessment to maintain the Angora Peak crew as the current grant-funded sources have dried up. Steve Teshara from Sustainable Community Advocates echoed Chief Poell's information and advised the Board that the current climate seems to be the right time to reach out to the community. The Board discussed the issue and tasked the Chief with getting a legal opinion on the specifics of a benefit assessment, as well as inviting the firm involved in the process to attend the October Board meeting.

C. MOU Revisions

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to accept the PERS-required language changes to the MOU as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Selection of Alternate with Voting Powers for JPA Meetings

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to select Director Rice as the alternate with voting powers for JPA meetings, the next meeting being on October 9, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution 2013-8 Establishing Findings of Fact

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to pass Resolution 2013-8 Establishing Findings of Fact. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6 Brown Act.

The Board went into closed session at 9:50 pm. The Board reopened at 11:04 pm with no reportable action taken.

REPORTS

A. Cal Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority

Director Bettencourt advised the Board that a special meeting was held to review the 2011/2012 audit on September 3rd. The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2013 and the auditor, Robert Johnson, will be in attendance. The 2012/2013 audit will begin next month.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

The Chief presented his report to the Board.

Review and Approve District Year to Date Income and Expense Report

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the Year to Date Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District payroll for pay period 16 for \$185,587.27, for pay period 17 for \$142,162.43, and for pay period 18 for \$219,422.04. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to approve bills paid on September 1, 2013 for \$20,557.11 and on September 12, 2013 for \$84,909.02. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 pm.

Approved at the meeting of October 10, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Huber
CHAIRPERSON

Robert Bettencourt
SECRETARY

L. Allen prepared minutes