

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
MAY 8, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on May 8, 2014 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, Bettencourt, Herback and Rice. Also present were Fire Chief Harris and Lake Valley personnel.

AGENDA

Chief Harris advised the Board that item 8C – Board of Directors Policies would be removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to accept the agenda with the noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Rice to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Harris presented several customer service surveys to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

Fuels Supervisor Goldberg advised the Board that a few more roofs have been completed and even more have been approved for work completion.

B. PSAP Options

Chief Harris advised the Board that he and Chief Meston are having regular dispatch meetings to address the performance issues. The new JPA Executive Director, Ryan Wagoner, is catching up to speed. Accurate numbers are needed from Chief Uhler to move forward with a decision.

C. Fire Adapted Community/Benefit Assessment

Chief Harris reminded the Board that the issue was put on hold at the last meeting because of the situation with Sacramento Metro Fire Department. A discussion occurred at length regarding whether the District should move forward with a benefit assessment or attempt a parcel tax on the ballot. It was decided that the following information would be researched and reported at the next meeting:

- Find out about the tax – can it be variable?
- Call the Howard Jarvis Tax Association and determine if they see our particular situation as a problem.
- Call Bill Wright and get his opinion
- See if there's history regarding special taxes with other agencies
- Ask the consultants what they think.
- Get a solid estimate of what it's going to cost.

The Chief was also directed to have a resolution prepared at the June meeting should the Board decide to go for a parcel tax.

D. Board Policy and Procedures Article 1, Section 8 – Purchases, Sales and Contracts for Public Works – Policy Adoption

Director Herback advised that he had contacted Bill Wright regarding the policy presented to the Board during the April meeting. He discussed the changes that can be done to make the policy more usable. Chief Harris was directed to bring the policy back to the Board at the June meeting for adoption once the changes had been made.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter's Association

Engineer Quinn advised the Board that PERS is still reviewing the final MOU changes. Promotional exams for Engineer were completed and he thanked everyone for their participation. The volunteer and paid associations approved sending a Firefighter and the Underhill family to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs. A fundraiser will be held to assist. The Association will have a representative at the Community Driven Strategic Plan held in May.

B. Resolution 2014-7 – In Support of Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Month – May 2014

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to approve Resolution 2014-7 – In Support of Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Month – May 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Board Policy and procedure Article 1, Section 8 – Purchase, Sales and contracts for Public Works – Policy Adoption

Chief Harris advised the Board that a purchase policy is necessary to meet the public contract code and to apply for grants. The draft policy was discussed and the Board directed staff to leave the policy on the agenda for next month after Director Herback has a chance to discuss it with the attorney.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6 Brown Act.

The Board did not go into closed session.

REPORTS

A. Cal Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority

Director Bettencourt reported that Ryan Wagoner has accepted the position of Executive Director. He also noted the strong work performed by Tony Gasporra. A special meeting will be held on May 28th to deal with the dispatch issue.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

The Chief announced that Ted Jackson and Luke Anderson will be promoted to the position of Engineer, and thanked all the candidates that participated in the testing process. He also reminded the Board that the Community Driven Strategic Plan will begin on Monday, May 12 with the external stakeholder meeting at 11:30 am.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Bettencourt to approve the District year to date income and expense report (July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to approve the District payroll for pay period 8 for \$113,738.62 and for pay period 9 for \$116,060.60. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed at 8:55 pm to review the bills. The Board resumed open session at 9:10 pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid on May 1, 2014 for \$26,008.92; on May 8, 2014 for \$273,376.38; and on May 8, 2014 for \$12,530.00 for the FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Approved at the meeting of June 12, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Huber
CHAIRPERSON

Robert Bettencourt
SECRETARY

L. Allen prepared minutes

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