

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
APRIL 16, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on April 16, 2015 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Huber called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were present the following directors: Huber, Rice, Rossi and Herback. Absent was Director Bettencourt. Also present were Chief Harris and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

The Chief asked the Board to move Section 8, Item F – Resolution 15-3 to after the Closed Session. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief presented a letter from the California Automatic Fire Alarm Association, thanking him for stepping up and teaching the fire alarm class when the instructor was ill. The District also received a thank you letter from the Drug Store Project as well as several customer satisfaction surveys.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

The Roof Grant Program placed back into Lake Valley's operating budget the \$200,000 that was fronted by the Board in order to repay homeowners in a timely fashion. All homeowners awaiting reimbursement for longer than six months have been paid. No new reimbursements will be issued until the new fiscal year.

B. Plan Review and Inspection

Chief Poell updated the Board on the plan review change over with the County that began on April 1, 2015. The transition has been smooth and the County has been sending remodels in excess of 3600 sq. ft. to Lake Valley. Chief Poell also mentioned that he is waiting for new construction inspections to begin so that he can walk the County through the inspections to ensure they are done properly. Director Huber took a moment to refresh Director Rossi on the motion that was passed at the April 12, 2015 meeting regarding plan reviews and inspections. Leona Allen commented that spreading the word about the inspection change over went well, as no contractors have been in since the transition.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Harris asked the Board to move Item E to the top of the new business items. All Board members agreed.

E. Proclamation Honoring Leona Allen's Service to Lake Valley Fire Protection District

The Proclamation was read by Director Huber. A recess was called at 7:17pm

The meeting was called back to order at 7:34 pm

A. Firefighter's Association

Firefighter/Paramedic Quinn thanked Leona Allen on behalf of the Association for her service. He announced June 7, 2015 as the Annual Lake Valley Picnic /BBQ. The event is to be held at Paradise Park and will be honoring Leona Allen and Benny Brimer's retirement.

Firefighter/ Paramedic Quinn updated the Board on the Firefighter's Ball and how the Association would like to research a different venue and a different date for next year's event.

Firefighter/ Paramedic's Quinn and Pierce attended a rope rescue class in Red Rock, NV. It was a 40 hour class, and both mentioned that is was one of the best classes they had ever attended. Firefighter/ Paramedic Quinn believes our rope program exceeds safety requirements and is now looking into updating our equipment. He expressed difficulty in obtaining permission to store equipment on top of Lover's Leap. Chief Harris said he would help with obtaining permission.

B. Surplussing of Chassis Under 2002 F-350 Chip Truck, Flatbed and Crane from 2001 Ford F-450, and 1983 Ford LN9000 Water Tender

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to surplus the Chassis Under 2002 F-350 Chip Truck, Flatbed and Crane from 2001 Ford F-450, and to surplus the 1983 Ford LN9000 Water Tender once the new water tender is in service. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the chipping program. Chief Poell advised the Board that we have applied for grants to fund the chipping program. We do have contracts to do chipping with Alpine County and are looking at mid-June to start with two interns.

C. Nomination for Special District Representative for LAFCO

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to vote for the following candidates: Dale Coco, Ken Humphreys, Holly Morrison and Tim Palmer. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Battalion Chief Cell Phone Stipend Policy Adoption

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve a cell phone stipend policy for Battalion Chief's for up to \$50.00. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

The Board went into closed session at 7:55 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:22 pm with no reportable action taken.

F. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Regarding the Disability Retirement of Larry Trauner.

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Herback to table Resolution 2015-3. The motion passed unanimously.

G. OES Engine

Chief Harris asked for the Board's approval to return the OES engine to the State. He cited staffing difficulties as the reason for returning the engine. The department was unable to staff the engine during last year's King Fire. He anticipates staffing difficulties again this year due to changes in OES's staffing regulations. A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of returning the engine. It was determined that there would be no cost associated with returning the OES engine. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rossi to give back the OES engine. The motion passed unanimously. Director Huber gave direction to Chief Harris to return the engine with a letter of appreciation from the Board.

H. Capital Improvement Plan / Nexus Study

Chief Poell updated the Board on the need for a Capital Improvement Plan and Nexus Study. The cost of the study is approximately \$10,000. El Dorado County is currently holding approximately \$50,000 of District funds until the Capital Improvement Plan is finished. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Bettencourt to authorize Chief Harris to use funds for a Nexus Study once there is assurance from El Dorado County that the \$50,000 in development fee funds can be used to pay for the CIP and Nexus Study. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Cal Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority

Director JoAnne Conner resigned her position with the JPA and was replaced by Director Tom Davis. The JPA is looking to receive \$400,000 in retroactive GEMT money and is looking to secure an additional \$100,000 per year.

Director Huber reported that the City is looking to get out of the JPA. Chief Harris advised the Board that he would like to see Lake Valley aggressively pursue taking over the service contract for the JPA with the possible help of Fall Leaf Lake CSD. Currently, there are questions regarding the length of the JPA contract. As it stands, the current contract ends in August of 2016, with the option of five one-year extensions. The City pledged to make a smooth transition and agreed to allow Lake Valley to house an ambulance at Station 2 at no charge. There was discussion as to what all would be entailed in taking over the contract. Chief Harris advised that once a final plan has been outlined all the details would be brought forth to the board for discussion. The direction of the Board was to give Chief Harris their support in this effort. It was advised to put this item on next month's Board Agenda.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Harris reported that Congressman Amodei believes that Lake Valley will be paid in full from the Nevada Fire Safe Council. Chief Zlendik informed the Board that the air trailer will arrive in two weeks and the water tender will arrive May 15, 2015.

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 District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Herback to approve the District payroll for pay period 6 for \$117,091.32 and pay period 7 for \$128,747.66. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Herback to approve the bills paid on April 1, 2015 for 24,190.21 and on April 16, 2015 for \$45,625.26. There were no bills for the FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Approved at the meeting of May 14, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Huber, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

Robert Rossi
ACTING SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes

