

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
September 8, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 8, 2016 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were present the following directors: Huber, Bettencourt, Rossi and Rice. Director Herback was absent. Also present were Chief Michael and Lake Valley Personnel.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of September 8, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rick Robinson, a Station 7 neighbor, attended the meeting to voice his concerns with the T-Mobile cell site. He mentioned that he would like us to have another meeting with Karen Leinert, the T-Mobile rep. He also mentioned he would talk with his neighbors to see if there was enough support against the cell site. If there was, he would get together with the Fire Chief to arrange another meeting. Chief Michael informed Mr. Robinson that he should write a letter to the El Dorado County Planning Commission and the TRPA voicing his concerns. Those two entities still need to review and approve the site before it can be built.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board reviewed the communications received and thanked everyone for doing a great job. A special congratulations went out to Firefighter/Medics LaChapelle and Yuzbick for receiving a \$10,000 donation for the Volunteer Association from the owner of Discount Tire.

## **BADGE PINNING CEREMONY**

A promotional badge pinning ceremony was held for Dylan Yuzbick. He was promoted from an apprentice to a Firefighter/Medic. Congratulations to Dylan Yuzbick.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program**

Phase three of the program has begun. We hope to be replacing 75-100 more roofs with the program. An estimated completion date for the program is March of 2018.

### **B. JPA Update**

JPA Executive Director Ryan Wagoner was present at the meeting to provide the Board with an update on JPA business. He notified the Board that El Dorado County agreed to provide \$160,000 for a replacement ambulance and another \$60,000 to augment the cost for dispatch services. Ryan Wagoner thanked the Board for their time and support in helping with the JPA. He was pleased to announce that the transition to the JPA became an employing entity went smoothly despite some hurdles. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is discussing the concept of removing psych IFT's with Barton Hospital. The JPA is currently eligible for a one year extension at this time. Executive Director Wagoner thanked the Chief for hiring JPA employees for the local departments. The Board in turn, thanked Wagoner for a job well done. The next JPA meeting is Oct 11, 2016 at 9am at Lake Valley.

### **C. Nevada Fire Safe Council Update**

Lake Valley Fire received a confirmation of acceptance of proposed settlement from the lawyers handling the Nevada Fire Safe Council Case. This had to be settled in order to be eligible for a portion of the final settlements. We are waiting for the next hearing to see how things will progress.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Firefighter's Association**

All representatives were out on a call at the time of the meeting.

### **B. Battalion Chief**

Chief Hekhuis presented the Board with a vacation and overtime report and language to discuss to make possible policy changes. Director Rice asked if things were improving and the answer was yes. August saw an improvement and September is on track to look even better. With the addition of the new hires we are starting to catch up on overtime and vacation overages. There will be future discussion regarding overtime and Chief Hekhuis asked to agendaize a policy change for vacation and overtime for a future meeting.

Chief Zlendick informed the Board that the training at the 4-plex on Sawmill went well. We have gone 289 days without any new injuries. As a token on gratitude challenge coins will be given to all employees. Director Rice mentioned that we should continue to promote safety and set milestones and provide appropriate rewards.

### **C. Review and Adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget**

Director Rice made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 budget. Director Huber seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-01, The 2016 California Fire Code**

Chief Alameda discussed the ordinance and it will be presented to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

## **E. Angora Fire 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Angora Fire will be June 24, 2017. Chief Michael would like to see the department host an open house for the community as a way of remembrance. The Board gave their full support.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority**

Refer to Old Business – B. JPA Update

### **B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports**

Chief Jeff Michael presented his report. There was an update of the tree mortality problem heading our direction and discussion about reinstating the crew. Firefest is September 24, 2016. The location has been changed to Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**

Chief Michael advised the Board that the final numbers from the County had not been received yet. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District payroll for pay period 16 for \$96,453.15, for pay period 17 for \$180,441.57. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the bills paid on August 23, 2016 for \$40,685.83, and on September 6, 2016 for \$56,009.26. The motion passed unanimously.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

The Board went into closed session at 7:15 pm. The Board resumed open session at 9:20 pm. The Board made a tentative offer to an applicant for Chief and is awaiting a response from the applicant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Approved at the meeting of October 13, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Bettencourt, Chair  
CHAIRPERSON

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John Rice  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes