

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
February 9, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on February 9, 2017 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: Bettencourt, Huber, Rice, Rossi and Allen. 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 February 9, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the updated minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2017. The motion passed with Director Rossi abstaining from the vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Director Rice thanked everyone for their help in professionalism. His Shop Supervisor was grateful for the help he received when a tree fell through his house. Great job and thanks to everyone

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was sent to the District thanking the crews for their help with the recent storms. Keep up the good work everyone.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

Chief Alameda updated the Board on several meetings that have taken place with Supervisor Veerkamp and Sue Hennikee with El Dorado County. Chief Alameda told the County that Lake Valley Fire wants to take over half of the JPA, and they can do it, but not if the organization cannot get additional funding to make it work. The District's Union and Board are backing this decision and want to make it happen. Sparks Fire will be going ALS in April, and Reno and El Dorado Hills Fire will be too. Other agencies are snapping up our guys. We should hire these employees as full rate employees and have them work under the supervision our of Battalion Chiefs and Company Officers.

Director Bettencourt would like clarity on the time clock situation still. We need an answer on whether or not ALS engines stop the clock.

The City of South Lake Tahoe changed their JPA Board members to Brooke Laine and Tom Davis.

A JPA Staff meeting is scheduled for Feb 16, 2017. This is an internal meeting to express to JPA staff Lake Valley's intent to take over the JPA.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Form 700 – Conflict of Interest**

Form 700 – Conflict of Interest are due at the March 9, 2017 meeting.

### **B. OPEB Update – Information Only**

We received a proposal from GovInvest regarding a forecasting tool for OPEB and pension planning. The District's finance committee will come up with a plan to implement during the next budget planning cycle to deal with long term OPEB and pension liabilities.

### **C. Keetak Facilities Update**

The classrooms are being updated but still need a bit more work. The mechanic's shop needs to be updated and there are plans for a shop across

the street. There was a meeting with the County and we are trying to get them to release the AB 1600 Mitigation fees and have them collect the fees that were approved by the Board. Chief Sitton will introduce a proposal for a new training prop. The Lake Tahoe Community College has donated money to help build this facility. The District is also working with the Forest Service to help improve the property as well. The T-Mobile cell site will be discussed in closed session as the next meeting and capital improvements will be placed on the agenda.

#### **D. Fuels Grant Funding Update**

Engineer Martin Goldberg reviewed with the Board the numerous grant funding sources coming to Lake Valley Fire. The grants are five year grants and will cover fuels reduction, fire adapted communities, and wood roof grant replacement. Engineer Ted Jackson and Director Allen were concerned with the numbers that they were seeing and expressed that these grants need to be reviewed in greater detail. Chief Tim Alameda asked the Board if they wanted the District to be involved in the fuels business. Director Huber stated that the Board is interested in being involved if we are able to protect the District fiscally and tactically, reduce liabilities, and contract as much of the work privately to give local contractors a chance to capture work.

#### **E. Surplus of Crew Equipment**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to authorize the Fire Chief to surplus the crew equipment as listed on the attachment to item 8 E. The motion passed unanimously

### **REPORTS**

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

Chief Alameda updated the Board on the roundabout meeting held today. Lake Valley Fire is working to prevent the roundabout from going in. There will be a meeting regarding the traffic on N. Upper Truckee on Feb 13, 2017 at 6pm. The Chief also thanked the crews for their hard work in the recent storms.

## **B. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Hekhuis informed the Board that we are still working to help out the JPA. Overtime continues to improve, but we will see some overtime with the recent storms. We responded to three structure fires. The two in District sustained damage and the structure in Strawberry was a complete loss. We sold two crew trucks and hope to sell the chipper soon.

## **C. Firefighters Association**

Engineer Ted Jackson thanked the Board for hiring Chief Alameda, and commented on the tremendous shift in culture. He also thanked the Battalion Chiefs, Kileigh Labrado and Andrew Sessions for all that they do. Engineer Luke Anderson and Captain Mike Mosca have done a great job with the avalanche air bag refill and the beacon basin. Both are up and running.

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

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2016-January 31, 2017). 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 1 for \$124,835.62 and for pay period 2 for \$39,052.2. 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 January 26, 2017 for \$25,520.60 and on February 9, 2017 for \$255,012.21. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

The Board went into closed session at 7:55 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:25 pm. No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Approved at the meeting of March 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Bettencourt, Chair  
CHAIRPERSON

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John Rice  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes