

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
May 18, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on May 18, 2017 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 May 18, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2017 with the following change. On page 3191, Item D should read, a motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Authorizing a Revolving Petty Cash Fund and Naming Robert Bettencourt as the Custodian of Said Fund The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lake Valley Fire Protection District's interns were introduced. Welcome Hunter Simons, Parker Dial, Nicola Caccavale, and Justin Cooper.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board thanks everyone for doing a wonderful job. Keep up the great work.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Bettencourt stated that the District is working on taking over the JPA when the contract expires. Lake Valley will be required to go to RFP and are hoping to get a contract that mirrors that of the West Slope JPA. The RFP will be out in August. Chief Alameda will not be going to Placerville for meetings regarding the CSA 7 due to a conflict of interest.

A meeting was held in Placerville and the County of El Dorado provided the JPA with a new ambulance, dispatch, and two additional ambulances in the near future.

There was discussion amongst the Board as to whether the District would go to the RFP alone or as a JPA with the City. It was the position of the Board to bid solely as Lake Valley Fire. Discussion also ensued regarding dispatch. Other dispatch options are to be explored.

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Plaque Honoring Retired Board Member Greg Herback

The Board presented retired Director Greg Herback with a plaque honoring his years of service and dedication to the District

B. Life Saving Award Presented to Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Anderson

Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Anderson was presented with a Life Saver Award to recognize an outstanding job he did saving the life of a man at Lover's Leap.

C. Drew Consulting Contract

The Board authorized the Chief to enter into a contract with Drew Consulting with the following changes to the contract. Payment needs to be changed to 45 days after receipt of invoice and the contract and litigation/mitigation clause needs to be reviewed by legal counsel.

D. Resolution 2017-05 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District In Support of Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Month, “Think First-Keep Tahoe Fire Safe,” June 2017

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2017-05 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District In Support of Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Month, “Think First-Keep Tahoe Fire Safe,” June 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Pacific Southwest Research Contract

The Board authorized the Fire Chief to sign a contract for the Pacific Southwest Research Grant. The authorization was unanimous.

F. Proposed New Fire Station

An informational discussion took place regarding the possibility of a new fire station being built on the corner of Pioneer and Black Bart. The District met with STPUD and they said that building on that lot would be a possibility. The Board agreed to explore the idea at this time.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda informed the Board of the ResGrid system that will be live this season for Strike Team assignments.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Sitton updated the Board on all of the training classes that have been occurring. Lt. Tony Gasporra has been doing great things with CPR instruction and was recognized for teaching CPR to juveniles. He also helped train our neighbors at the Forest Service in CPR. Also, the interns are helping greatly and have been well received.

Chief Sitton asked the Board about their vision for a training tower. The board would like to see what the proposed plan is and review. A committee may be formed to review the plans.

Chief Zlendick's report updated the Board on the Wildfire Prevention Division. He mentioned what an excellent job everyone is doing. We are still working on FEMA paperwork for the storm damage. The Angora Fire 10th Anniversary is coming up in June. Director Allen would like Board of Directors to have a booth.

Wildfire Prevention Officer, Amy Jirka updated the Board on defensible space inspections and PIO Kileigh Labrado updated the Board on all of the District's happenings.

Chief Hekhuis informed the Board the overtime is still under control. Disability claims dropped and our workers comp insurance is going down 25%. Call volume is up in the first quarter. Medic 7 IFT's have dropped 50% and we are still helping the JPA with accreditation. We are selling the track chipper in the next month for \$60,000.

C. Firefighters Association

The Lake Valley Volunteer Association is now the Lake Valley Fire Firefighters Foundation. The Board members are Dylan Yuzbick, Andrew Carey and Chris Heng. Great job to the Honor Guard at the Happy Homestead Ceremony. Mitch Underhill's name was added to the wall.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2016-April 30, 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 8 for \$121,090.41 and for pay period 9 for \$126,313.87. 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 April 27, 2017 for \$54,314.25, on May 1, 2017 for \$217,436.45 and on May 9, 2017 for \$43,435.48. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Position: Fire Chief

B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Update On Existing Litigation - Name of Claimant: Cal Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority

C. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.8 Case Review

The Board went into closed session at 8:35 pm. The Board resumed open session at 10:43 pm. The Board agreed to write a support letter for Mitch Underhill's PSOB hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Approved at the meeting of June 8, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON
K. Labrado prepared the minutes

John Rice
SECRETARY