

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
July 13, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on July 13, 2017 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Huber, Rossi and Allen. Director Rice was absent. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel and community member Jesse.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of July 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2017 with change as follows: : on page 3202 in paragraph one, line four, the statement “to staff and IFT car full time” will be changed to “to staff an IFT car full time.” The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Gary Gerren from Fallen Leaf Fire Department made a presentation regarding their Board of Director’s decision to approve supporting an ALS engine. He is happy with the relationship with Lake Valley Fire and believes that they work well together. Fallen Leaf FD has sent a letter to the JPA to start the process to be a part of the JPA. Fallen Leaf FD is a seasonal agency, working from May through November. The Board requested that the issue be agendized in future meetings under the JPA Report.

Engineer Goldberg introduced the new Lake Valley chipping crew – Cameron Anderson, Scott Carlson, and Sam Kelly.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received letters of thanks for our work and again thanked the District personnel for their service to our community

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Bettencourt reported that a meeting was held on July 10th. The JPA is basically in a “wait and see” mode until the County decides what direction will be taken. The monies for the ambulances was received from the County. Chief Alameda also reported that a meeting between SLTFR and LVFPD Chiefs had occurred to discuss the commonalities and visions of each agency. It was apparent that SLTFR does not support being a transport agency, but enjoys having a civilian ambulance service in their jurisdiction. They believe that the County is responsible for patient transport responsibilities. LVFPD, however, supports the obligation to transport its patients all the way to the hospital facility. Operationally, Chiefs Hekhuis and Drennan have been tasked with creating a blueprint. Currently, ground level operations work. The differences are seen at the administrative level.

The Chief also advised that Lake Valley will work with Fallen Leaf Fire Department operationally to help them with EMS, but that all options will be investigated.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Retirement Recognition – Ryan Mahnken and Megan Nickles

The retirement acknowledgement for Megan Nickles will be tabled until the August meeting. A recognition of Ryan Mahnken’s service to the District and a presentation of a ceremonial axe was made by the District and the Firefighters Association. The fire service is sad to see the loss of Engineer Ryan Mahnken, but hopeful for his new life path.

B. Dispatch Discussion

After some discussion, the Board authorized Chief Alameda to enter into discussions with CalFire AEU for dispatch services. The Chief was advised to incorporate the possibility of dispatching for EMS as well.

C. Resolution 2017-07 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Regarding the Disability Retirement of Megan Nickles.

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2017-07 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Regarding the Disability Retirement of Megan Nickles. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Authorization to Amend Contract Agreement with Pacific Southwest Research Station

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to authorize the Amended Contract Agreement with Pacific Southwest Research Station. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. TRCD Grant Sub-Recipient Agreement – Authorization to Sign.

Martin Goldberg presented information regarding the fact that SMPLMA funding was being funneled through the Tahoe Resource Conservation District. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to authorize Chief Alameda to sign the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan Update – Authorization for RFP

Captain Pevenage presented information about the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the grant monies being used to contract with someone to update it. The RFP was written by Jake Gallo and Jake Looney (Lake Valley's Defensible Space Inspectors), and the grant total is \$80,000 with \$26,000 in-kind. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to authorize the RFP for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda presented his report and gave an update on the Fire Recovery situation. He also advised that he is looking at the mitigation fees currently being charged by the County, and updating the CIP.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Sitton presented his report and advised that we are receiving significant interest in the LARRO class.

Chief Zlendick presented his report and discussed the progress made by the Tahoe Hockey Academy. He also invited the Board of Directors to the Fire Chief's BBQ on July 20th.

Captains Pevenage and Malone presented Chief Hekhuis' report and added that we have sent out engines on strike teams for two fires – the Winnemucca Fire and the Wall Fire. Personnel have also responded to two structure fires in the District recently.

Wildfire Prevention Officer Jirka presented her report.

C. Firefighters Association

Engineer Jackson enumerated the many activities and events going on in the District, stating that the personnel are motivated and stepping up to the plate. He acknowledged that the Chief is supporting efforts to train, prepare, and build for the future, and that the Firefighters are proud to serve.

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- May 31, 2017). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District payroll for pay period 11 for \$128,002.31, pay period 12 for \$129,563.65 and for pay period 13 for \$127,236.60 . The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Huber to approve the bills paid June 27, 2017 for \$82,368.03, June 27, 2017 for \$17,414.21 (FY 2017/2018), July 7, 2017 for \$24,388.20 and July 7, 2017 for \$363,324.79 (FY 2017/2018). The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 7:35 pm. The Board re-opened the session at 7:45 pm with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved at the meeting of August 17, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

K. Labrado prepared the minutes

Leona Allen for John Rice
SECRETARY