

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
August 17, 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 5:30 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Huber, Rossi, Rice and Allen. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of August 17, 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 July 13, 2017 with changes as follows: on page 3206 under "Agenda" Director Rice made the motion to approve the minutes it should read Director Rossi made the motion and on page 3209 it should read "Winnemucca Ranch Fire not Fore". The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received letters of thanks for our work and again thanked the District personnel for their service to our community. Chief Alameda attended the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's meeting and Truckee Meadows Fire Chief, Charlie Moore, thanked LVFD and Brush 7 for a job well done on the recent fires.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

The JPA purchased a new ambulance. There has been some back and forth communication regarding the price of the ambulance between El Dorado County and the JPA. El Dorado County has not put out an RFP yet. Director Bettencourt commented that we are still in a “wait and see” mode until the County decides what direction will be taken. There will be a special JPA meeting held on August 21, 2017 to discuss Fallen Leaf Lake entering the JPA. Director Huber wanted direction from the Lake Valley Fire Board as to how the new JPA Board should be made up if Fallen Leaf Lake gets approval to enter the JPA. Discussion arose regarding if the JPA Board was to be made up of all elected officials or if chiefs would be able to sit on the Board. There was additional discussion of what direction Lake Valley Fire should take when the RFP is out. Chief Alameda stated that we need to figure out what works best for Lake Valley Fire operationally and move in that direction. Chief Hekhuis agreed. It was the Board’s position that there needs to be legal advice before a decision is made allowing Fallen Leaf Lake entering the JPA.

B. New Fire Station 6

Nothing to report.

C. Dispatch Update

A meeting will be held August 22, 2017 at CalFire Headquarters in Meyers to discuss Lake Valley Fire using Grass Valley for dispatch. CalFire is interested in discussing how this might work for us. There would be no obligation for the City of South Lake Tahoe to use Grass Valley for dispatch. Director Bettencourt had concerns over how this would affect the JPA contract. Director Huber expressed concern over what we have in place to protect us from the City of South Lake Tahoe increasing current dispatch fees.

D. AB1600 Mitigation Fee Report

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors met on August 15, 2017 to pass an indemnity clause and to approve and ordinance allowing for the collection and

disbursement of AB 1600 mitigation fees. The ordinance was approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors at the first reading and should go into effect within the next 120 days. Further details along with policies and procedures should be released soon. Lake Valley administration will continue to report on this issue.

E. Fire Recovery

Lake Valley Fire currently has a contract with Fire Recovery to collect fees for vehicle accidents. In the past, capturing this revenue has been difficult due to CHP restrictions on retrieving personal information. We have been in communications with CHP and have rectified that situation. Lake Valley will submit the new light task force rate of \$400 per hour to Fire Recovery based on the OES rate of 27.5%.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Retirement Recognition –Megan Nickles (this item was moved after old business item 7A.)

The retirement acknowledgement for Megan Nickles' 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 Firefighter/Paramedic Megan Nickles, but is glad she is still close and working with the JPA.

B. Capital Improvement Plan Approval

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative Lieutenant Position Elimination – Information Only

Chief Alameda brought to the Board's attention that the work load of the Lieutenant position no longer warrants the position. Administration is working with Labor and Legal Counsel to eliminate the position. It will take time to transition. This is an issue with CalPERS and additionally, the District is losing money when sending these positions on strike team assignments.

D. Care Flight Membership

Care Flight and CalStar no longer offer reciprocity. Direction was given by the Board to enroll District Employees in Care Flight.

E. Resolution 2017-08 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Regarding the Disability Retirement of Ryan Mahnken

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rossi to approve Resolution 2017-08 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Regarding the Disability Retirement of Ryan Mahnken. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda presented his report and mentioned that with the retirement of Engineer Mahnken we will be conducting a promotional exam for the apprentices. Historically we have not had a promotional exam for apprentices. This is a new process that will be put in place to make future succession a fair process.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Sitton reported that there was no lost work time this month. He also stated that Lake Valley will be hosting the Company Officer Series over a seven month period. The first round of internships will be ending shortly. The program was successful and we will have four new interns starting soon. The training facility plans are still with Midkiff and Associates. Things are moving slowly but Chief Sitton is hopeful things can still get started this building season.

Chief Zlendick presented his report and discussed the upcoming Tahoe Summit that will be held August 22, 2017 at Valhalla. Director Rice asked that a calendar of events be placed on the District website.

Chief Hekhuis stated that July was a busy month. There were 80 extra shifts filled due to strike teams. He mentioned that all crews were receiving high marks and that the medics are doing great. Lake Valley medics continue to help the JPA with training and accreditation. New EPCR's are here and crews are attending training. They should be fully implemented in the new few months. Finally, call volume remains the same even with the decrease in IFT's.

C. Firefighters Association

Engineer Nerdahl reported that things are well. There are no issues with staffing strike teams. He stated that we will cross the Lieutenant position and apprentice testing issues as they happen and thanked Chief Alameda for keeping the Association abreast of issues as they arise.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2016- June 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 14 for \$147,112.48, pay period 15 for \$169,647.77. 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 July 24, 2017 for \$18,382.79, June 27, 2017 for \$3,809.51, August 9, 2017 for \$1,983.10 (FY2016/2017) , July 24, 2017 for \$157,981.08 and on August 9, 2017 for \$44,287.74 (FY 2017/2018). The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Approved at the meeting of September 21, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON
K. Labrado prepared the minutes

John Rice
SECRETARY