

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
October 12, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on October 12, 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 and Allen. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel.

A moment of silence was held for the fire victims of the Napa/Sonoma/Santa Rosa fires.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of October 12, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2017 with the following change. On page 3219 under Chief's reports the sentence should read: As a result, there will be a change in strike team deployment protocol. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fallen Leaf Lake CSD (FLL) Fire Chief, Gary Gerren was present and thanked the Lake Valley Fire Board of Directors and members of the JPA for allowing FLL to enter the JPA. Director Allen commented that she was happy to see Captain Mike Mosca at the meeting. Captain Mike Mosca addressed the Board and said that he had an accident that almost cost him his life. It was life altering and sobering. He stated that he is doing better. He apologized for any hardships caused to the

District. Director Bettencourt commented that we are all glad you are okay and we will learn from this experience.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board again thanked personnel for a wonderful job. Director Rice commented on attending the TRPA Best in Basin Awards honoring Teri Tucker and Engineer Martin Goldberg. He thanked them for their work on the Wood Roof Replacement Program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

JPA Executive Director Ryan Wagoner informed the Board that the regularly scheduled JPA was cancelled. He expects to hold a special meeting soon. The JPA audit is completed and will be reviewed with the JPA Board soon. He also welcomed Fallen Leaf Lake CSD Fire Department. Director Wagoner discussed that funding is not outlined in the proposal for the Community Paramedic Program. He is working with the State and County to push this through and if approved will come back to the JPA Board for approval. There is nothing new to report on the upcoming RFP. The IFT car is still running and is staffed. There have been numerous ambulance breakdowns keeping Mechanic Sessions busy.

### **B. AB 1600 Mitigation Fee Report**

The District sent the updated El Dorado County indemnity clause to legal counsel. Our attorney felt comfortable with the document and we should begin collecting the update fees in Jan 2018.

### **C. Director-at-Large Position**

A special meeting will be held Oct 19, 2017 to interview and appoint a new director. Applications are due no later than 5pm on Oct 18, 2017.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RFP PTEIR Grant**

The RFP schedule has been posted. Questions and answers will be posted to the Lake Valley website on October 16. On November 9<sup>th</sup> the proposals are due and the Board will open the bids at the board meeting. The bids will be awarded at the December board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

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

Chief Alameda discussed the unfunded accrued liability the District pays to CalPERS every year. This continues to increase and we will need to begin budgeting for this in the near future. He proposed that finance committee get together to find out what other agencies are doing.

Chief Pevenage has been meeting with the El Dorado Chiefs to look at a ½ cent special sales tax increase for fire districts. This special tax would need only a majority vote of 51% to pass. There is an estimated \$6 million in revenue that would be divided between 12 agencies. This could potentially be on the November 2018 ballot.

### **D. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Pevenage stated that it is exciting to see new faces in new roles. Everyone is currently gearing up for the firefighter/medic testing on October 13, 2017. He will introduce the new interns at the next meeting. Director Rice let Chief Pevenage know that Barton Memorial Hospital has a new contact that wants to work with the District to help create a fitness/wellness plan.

Chief Zlendick reported that we are still dealing with FEMA and we are staying the course. Firefest was successful, thank you to the Wildfire Prevention Division for all their hard work. Chief Zlendick also informed the Board that a request for a variance was submitted for a property setback. We currently do not have a process

in place for this. He is working with Chief Alameda to develop a document to direct the public on what to do and where to do for variance requests. This would provide our jurisdiction authority to review the request, approve, deny the request or refer it to the correct jurisdiction. It also provides the property owner or agent the ability to talk with the Board thus outlining the process for a when a person comes to speak at a public Board meeting. Finally, a pre-incident attack report for the Tahoe Basin is in the works. The District has difficult challenges with evacuation corridors.

Chief Hekhuis is working to stay ahead of the curve in dealing with overtime. Three personnel were promoted and others were bumped up into acting positions. All promotional lists are being updated by Chief Pevenage. Chief Hekhuis also informed the Board that the Districts apparatus and equipment is aging and items will need to be replaced in the next three to five years. Money for these replacement items should be budgeted for now. New ePCR's are coming out soon. The ambulance fleet has been beat down hard and extended warranties should be purchased on all new ambulances. There was structure fire at Echo Lakes and crews were able to contain the fire to the structure of origin. Overtime and vacancies are up due to long term injuries.

### **C. Firefighters Association**

No report

## **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 (June 1, 2017- September 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 18 for \$133,932.69, pay period 19 for \$255,507.31. 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 September 25, 2017 for \$76,926.78, on September 19, 2017 for \$30,000.00 and on October 10, 2017 for \$47,144.07. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved at the meeting of November 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Bettencourt, Chair  
CHAIRPERSON  
K. Labrado prepared the minutes

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John Rice  
SECRETARY