

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

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on November 9, 2017 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Huber, Rice, Allen and Hogan. 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 November 9, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

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

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 19, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board again thanked personnel for a wonderful job.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

JPA Executive Director Ryan Wagoner was unable to attend the meeting. Fire Mechanic Andrew Sessions will be picking up a new ambulance next week from a remount. The West Slope JPA is still in contract negotiations which should be settled in March. The El Dorado County Chief's did not fully understand the District's situation with its current contract and were unaware of the mutual aid issues and dynamics with the City of South Lake Tahoe. They are working on a way to re-coop money from El Dorado County to offset the PERs unfunded accrued liability for employees that worked on the ambulances for the JPA, over the last ten years.

The JPA has seen tremendous turnover with their employees. Recently, the City complained about Lake Valley's ability to accredit new paramedics for the JPA. Yet, they refused to do accreditations, with the exception of one. Chief Hekhuis recently came to an arrangement with City, that would have them to do all of the new accreditations and Lake Valley would assist only if needed. The Community Paramedicine Program is still in the process and an update will be given soon. The next JPA Board meeting is on January 9, 2018.

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

The District provided the Board with a draft resolution, from Diamond Springs, regarding AB 1600 Mitigation Fees. This resolution will be revised and brought before the Board at the next meeting for adoption. It has been reviewed by legal counsel and once adopted by the Board; it will be submitted to the County. The County will then begin collected the proper fees and we will have access to funds previously collected. Director Allen expressed concerns and wanted to know if changes could still be made since Diamond Springs already passed their resolution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Swearing In Ceremony for Brian Hogan, Director-at-Large**

A swearing in ceremony was held for new Director Brian Hogan.

### **B. Resolution 2017-09 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG17070**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to adopt Resolutions 2017-09 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG17070. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Resolution 2017-10 Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to adopt Resolutions 2017-10 Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. PTEIR Bid Opening**

Forest Schaffer with the California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) presented to the Board, an overview of the PTEIR Grant (Programmatic Timberland Environmental Impact Report). He indicated how this grant is pertinent because several other grants in the Tahoe basin are hinged upon its completion. It essentially makes future grant projects shovel ready. The Wildfire Prevention Division is currently in phase one of the PTEIR grant and has put out an RFP for this phase. Per the PTEIR RFP schedule, bids were due in on Nov 6, 2017 and are to be opened at this board meeting with the award granted at the December board meeting. Chief Alameda and staff were hesitant about opening the bids because the District's intent is to scale back on grants and ultimately close out all grants on the books. There was discussion about grant funds and the financial impact on the District. Additional discussion ensued and options for transferring, reassigning or cancelling grants were talked about at length. Forest Schaffer will research options for reassigning the PTEIR grant to another agency and the board will discuss the issue again next month. It was the understanding of the Board that the District

wants to be removed from the obligation of the grant, but doesn't want to hamper other agencies from completing their future grant obligations. Three PTEIR RFP bids were received and the award will be made in December.

## **REPORTS**

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

Chief Alameda informed the Board that there are five personnel that have been promoted and that a badge pinning will be held at the December 14, 2017 meeting. The meeting time has been changed to 4pm on that day for the pinning.

### **B. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Pevenage introduced the new interns; Kamerie Heagney and Neil Schnaible. Both are Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy graduates and we are very happy to have them on board.

Chief Zlendick reported that TRPA issued TMobile a permit for the cell tower site located on District property. Building should begin sometime next year.

Chief Hekhuis discussed overtime and vacancies. Overtime has been minimal this past month. We still have long term illness and injuries but are holding steady. He also indicated that he is awaiting the upcoming RFP for the JPA.

### **C. Firefighters Association**

Engineer Ted Jackson welcomed Director Hogan to the Board. He is happy to hear the direction we are moving in with the Wildfire Prevention Division. He stated that Director Huber made great points regarding upholding our name and values and he is pleased that Chief Alameda is steering us back to our core mission. He said that next month he would like to speak a bit longer and provide a recap of the year.

**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 20 for \$145,467.40 and for pay period 21 for \$137,585.31. 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 October 30, 2017 for \$60,262.01, on November 2, 2017 for \$86,655.00 and November 6, 2017 for \$49,051.85. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Approved at the meeting of December 14, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Bettencourt, Chair  
CHAIRPERSON

K. Labrado prepared the minutes

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John Rice  
SECRETARY