

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
December 14, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on December 14, 2017 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Rice, Allen and Director Hogan arrived at 4:30. 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 December 14, 2017 with the following change: item 8A Badge Pinning Ceremony will be postponed until January due to personnel being away on the Thomas Fire. 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 November 9, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board again thanked personnel for their hard work. Director Allen clarified that the letter from Barton Memorial Hospital should have been addressed to the Lake Valley Firefighters Foundation not the District.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

JPA Executive Director Ryan Wagoner informed the Board that the Community Paramedic Program was approved by the state for one year. This will be the first rural program and he is working with Barton to get the program started as well as with the District to find out which paramedics are qualified for the program. The program will begin in the next three to four months and there is the possibility that some revenue can be derived from the program.

The JPA payroll budget has a surplus and Wagoner wants to extend a transfer car through the ski season. In order to do this, Lake Valley would need to provide housing for additional JPA staff and an ambulance for the season. This would improve service levels in the community. The details and logistics would still need to be worked out.

Additionally, Wagoner wanted to express his thanks to Engineer Jackson for his help with radios and Mechanic Sessions for all of his help with ambulance maintenance. Finally, Chief Meston from South Tahoe Fire Rescue sent out a letter stating that the City will not be doing accreditations any more.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Badge Pinning Ceremony

The badge pinning ceremony was postponed due to staff being on a deployed on the Thomas Fire in Ventura.

B. Resolution 2017-11 Mitigation Fee Agreement for Collection of Fees on Behalf of a Special District

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Hogan to adopt Resolutions 2017-11 Mitigation Fee Agreement for Collection of Fees on Behalf of a Special District. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Sierra-at-Tahoe Antenna Site License Agreement

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to authorize the Sierra-at-Tahoe Antenna Site License Agreement. The motion passed with four ayes. Director Rice abstained from the vote.

D. Approval of Consulting and Legal Fees to Fund the Fire Tax

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to pay \$5000 for consulting and legal fees to help fund a ½ penny sales tax initiative in the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County. These fees would go to a study to see if placing the initiative on the November 2018 ballot would be feasible. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

E. Board Reorganization

The Lake Valley Fire Protection District Board remained the same. Robert Bettencourt as Chair, David Huber as Vice Chair, John Rice as Secretary and Brian Hogan and Leona Allen as Directors at Large. The Lake Valley Fire Protection District JPA Board representatives changed as follows: David Huber was replaced by Leona Allen and Robert Bettencourt remained on the Board.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda informed the Board that CalFire lost Engineer Corey Iverson today in the fires in Ventura. Lake Valley crews are at that fire and our thoughts are with them. We may send our honor guard if need be. Chief Alameda also discussed a meeting he went to on December 5th. The meeting was in regards to a consolidation between North Tahoe FPD and Meeks Bay FPD. This spurred two additional conversations. One about a possible consolidation between Lake Valley FPD and North Tahoe FPD and the other about a consolidation between El Dorado County Fire and Lake Valley FPD. The idea of consolidation was discussed. Director Bettencourt stated that we need to fix the JPA issue first and find out what the City is doing. We have been down this road before and there would be a lot to look at.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Pevenage and Chief Hekhuis were unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Zlendick gave the board an update on the FAC grant and other grants. Amy Jirka informed the Board that she received three proposals for the PTEIR Grant. A ranking system was determined by the review committee and references were requested. She would like to hold a special meeting on Dec 20, 2017 to present her findings to the Board, once the committee can meet again to review references and make a final selection. The special meeting will be at 7:30am on Dec 20th in the classroom.

C. Firefighters Association

Engineer Ted Jackson thanked Chief Alameda for making the holidays special. He also thanked the Long's and the LaChapelle's for their help with the Christmas party. Captain Malone and Firefighter/Medic LaChapelle delivered ten trees that were donated by Thran's Flowers to area families in need. The Chief and the Union are talking about the JPA and will keep talking. The open dialog is appreciated. Additionally, Engineer Jackson painted a picture for the Board of what everyone in the organization contributes. He let the Board know that everyone here is an occupational athlete and ready to go at any moment. He thanked the Board for their support and for a great 2017.

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- October 31, 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 22 for \$254,327.40 and for pay period 23 for \$118,076.39. 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 November 28, 2017 for \$11,704.39 and on December 11, 2017 for \$37,098.53. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Approved at the meeting of January 11, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON
K. Labrado prepared the minutes

John Rice
SECRETARY