

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
May 9, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on May 9, 2019 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Moore, Rice, Allen and Hogan. Chief Alameda along with Lake Valley personnel was present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the agenda of May 9, 2019 with the following change: move the badge pinning ceremony to before public comments. 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 April 11, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

Wade Corbett was promoted to Firefighter II/Paramedic. Benjamin Booker and Neil Schnaible were appointed to the position of Firefighter I.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nikki Florio with Bee Heroic was present to discuss climate and weather changes as well as geo-engineering.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Allen congratulated Administrative Manager Kileigh Labrado on a letter sent to the Board from Lake Tahoe Community College regarding a class she taught for the Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Bettencourt stated that JPA negotiations are well under way. IFT's and ambulance housing will be addressed. There is discussion regarding changing the IFT distance to 90 miles rather than 100 miles. Additionally, there is discussion on building contract openers into the new contract.

B. Measure Update

SCI Consulting has sent surveys to over 8,000 property owners in the District. SCI Consulting will present the survey results to the Board in June. A presentation was made to the Meyers Advisory Board and a few questions and concerns arose. After the June meeting a decision will be made as to whether or not the Measure will be placed on the November ballot.

C. Road Closure Update

Chief Alameda spoke with CHP Lt. Terry Lowther, regarding the road traffic. Steps need to be taken with OES to develop criteria for a declaration of emergency and then taken to the County Board of Supervisors at a policy level.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2019-01 Wild Fire Awareness Month

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to adopt Resolution 2019-01 Declaring June as Wild Fire Awareness Month. The motion passed unanimously.

B. RFP Bid Package Opening Airport East Project

No bid packages were received. The deadline has been extended two weeks and the item was tabled.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Alameda reviewed with the Board with a draft copy of the 2018 Annual Report and will present a final version at the next meeting.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Zlendick reported on VHR inspections. Currently the process is log jammed at the County. They are behind in inputting the inspections into the TRAKIT system. Since there are 961 VHR's in our jurisdiction, Director Bettencourt asked if additional personnel would be needed to handle the increased volume. Chief Zlendick stated that if it gets overwhelming then we may have to hire someone to help.

Finally, ATT and Verizon will be going on the cell tower soon. The District will receive no additional funds for this. Director Bettencourt asked that this be agendaized for the June meeting.

Chief Stephen stated that the crews are training for summer and working hard to help with VHR inspections.

Chief Pevenage thanked Director Rice for helping with the Phillips Station fire.

C. Firefighter's Association

Captain Ted Jackson expressed concern over allowing 5G onto the cell phone tower and asked the Board to research and learn about the health and safety risks of 5G.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Moore to approve the District payroll for pay period 7 for \$128,321.73. The motion passed unanimously. Pay Period 8 will be approved at the June meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Moore to approve the bills paid April 26, 2019 for \$57,609.14 and May 7, 2019 for \$252,658.71. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 6:15 pm. The Board resumed open session at 7:09pm with no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Approved at the meeting of June 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Bettencourt
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes