

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY**

**July 11, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on July 11, 2019 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Moore and Allen. Director Rice was present at 4:05 and Director Hogan was absent. Chief Alameda along with Lake Valley personnel was present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of July 11, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jesse Gardner was present and Directors Moore and Allen thanked him for having them at his bbq.

Doug Cushman was present and thanked crews for their quick action in putting out the fire on Tehama. He posed a question to the Board regarding what is being done to address defensible space for second home and absent homeowners. Director Allen answered the question and explained the upcoming evacuation drill and defensible space education component. She also mentioned that all homeowners will be sent information on defensible space laws.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Bettencourt again thanked everyone for their hard work.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

JPA Executive Director, Ryan Wagoner informed the Board that there was a quarterly meeting held on July 8 and a special meeting will be held July 15 to discuss where the contract stands as the County is being sued by the State of CA.

The County's public utility model is being challenged and a court date is set for Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. The lawsuit could have an impact on contract negotiations. There is still a need for ambulance housing. The lease on station 2 ends in October. Wagoner is meeting with the City Manager to discuss possible options.

### **B. Measure Update**

Director Moore stated that the measure committee got together and talked to a different company to get a second opinion regarding the measure. Consultant, Joe Francisco, stated that a benefit assessment would be risky and would not recommend it. He felt a special tax was the way to go. The committee is waiting a proposal. Additionally, the committee has decided to do their own outreach and will look into hiring a local marketing company to help with the campaign. Francisco is proposing March of 2020 for the measure. This will come back before the Board for further discussion/direction.

### **C. Road Closure Update**

North Upper Truckee was closed to all traffic on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This was pilot project and came with a few hiccups. Changes will need to be made along the way but the District will continue to offer support to find a solution.

### **D. Cell Tower Update**

Chief Zlendick contacted Tri-Square and they indicated that ATT will be on the tower in four to six weeks. T-Mobile is currently active on the tower now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FAIRA Renewal of Liability Insurance**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the renewal of FAIRA for liability insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Surplus 2006 Ford F150 Pickup Truck**

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to surplus the 2006 F-150 pickup truck. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Resolution 2019-03 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District- Industrial Disability Retirement Ronald Sitton**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve Resolution 2019-03 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District- Industrial Disability Retirement Ronald Sitton. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. Authorize Fire Chief to Sign Paving RFQ Contract for Guinn Consulting**

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Rice to authorize Fire Chief to Sign Paving RFQ Contract for Guinn Consulting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **E. Authorize Fire Chief to Sign Contract for Roof Repairs with Moretti Exterior Services**

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to Authorize Fire Chief to Sign Contract for Roof Repairs with Moretti Exterior Services. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report**

Chief Alameda talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July being a busy week. The LTRFCA barbeque will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be an ice cream social for the kids of coming soon. Please look at the new battalion chief trucks when you find time, Andrew Sessions did a great job building them and integrating systems.

## **B. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Stephen stated that a training memo went out July 9<sup>th</sup> from Training/Safety and Operations barring ball sports and team sports from physical training. This came after an injury to a firefighter on duty. This memo was originally issued ten years ago and will be followed up with a new policy on physical fitness. Safety issues are handled by Chief Stephen. The safety committee will address this incident at their next meeting.

Chief Pevenage informed the Board that IFT's were down 30% with Medic 2 in operation seven days a week. Additionally he is working on an agreement with basin agencies to use the closest most appropriate resource when responding to calls. This will be sent to Grass Valley not South Tahoe Dispatch.

Chief Zlendick indicated that building permits are coming in. Very few of them are new construction, most are remodels and additions. VHR inspections are increasing rapidly. Teri Tucker is also completing 4291 inspections and sending letters to those out of compliance. We continue to mark trees and offering chipping and defensible space services in the District. There will be a North Upper Truckee evacuation drill meeting next week to begin the process for that neighborhood. Sierra House Elementary School should be re-opened in time for the 2019-2020 school year. Finally, Chief Zlendick wanted to let the Board know that his crews did a great job putting out the fire on Tehama.

## **C. Firefighter's Association**

Nothing to report

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**

Nothing new to approve.

## **APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District payroll for pay period 12 for \$125,837.29, and for pay period 13 for \$126,710.82. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid June 20, 2019 for \$113,690.19, for July 9, 2019 for \$88,945.16 and on July 9, 2019 for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$744,943.69. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session at 5:55 pm. The Board resumed open session at 9:21 pm. The Board gave direction for the MOU's to be revised as discussed and sent to legal for review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Approved at the meeting of August 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted;

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Robert Bettencourt  
CHAIRPERSON

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Leona Allen  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes