

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
December 12, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on December 12, 2019 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Moore, Allen, Hogan and Rice. 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 December 12, 2019. 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 14, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 14, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 25, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Garner thanked Chief for having coffee and discussing the upcoming tax measure with his neighborhood group. He also suggested that we put a sticker on the measure pamphlet with our contact information.

Tony Risso was also present and updated the Board about the change the County Board of Supervisors made regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). He stated that a portion of the tax no longer needed to be used to promote tourism and that the District should look into how that money will be distributed in the future.

Captain Perry Quinn let the Board know that he was contacted by constituents about the possibility of live stream of the Board meeting. This is something to think about in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS

Several thank you cards were received from folks living in the Kincade Fire area. Great job everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Executive Director Ryan Wagoner stated his main focus is to find a new location to house ambulances and staff. He is still working closely with the City Manager and exploring several locations. Medic 2 will be up staffed for the holidays. The new RFP went to County council for review. The County wants this to the state of California by the end of the month. Finally, a new remount will be starting soon. It will be a V10 gas engine instead of a diesel engine.

B. Measure Update

There will be an all hands meeting on December 15th to discuss the measure and the marketing message that will be conveyed. Anyone interested can attend. The marketing consultant stated we should wait for the end of January to begin campaign , but the Foundation would like to start sooner.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Reorganization

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Hogan to have the Board makeup remain the same. The motion passed with four ayes. Director Allen abstained from the vote.

B. Ordinance 2019-01 Second Reading for the Adoption of the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code

A public hearing was opened. Discussion regarding the changes to the California building standards code was had. A motion was made by Director Hogan and Seconded by Director Rice to adopt the 2019 edition of the California Building Standards Code. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

C. Resolution 2019-10 SCBA Purchase

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2019-10 for the purchase of new SCBA's. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Type 1 Engine Purchase – Discussion Only

Fire Mechanic Andrew Sessions provided the Board with information on purchasing or leasing a new Type 1 Engine. The Chief created an apparatus spec committee to be made up of Chief Zlendick, Fire Mechanic Sessions, Captain Bojsen-Moller, Engineer Long and Firefighter/Medic Heng. The spec committee will create a spec and will move forward with the spec if Measure B passes. The build time for an engine is about a year. We need to start the spec now due to the long turnaround time. No decisions will be made until after the Measure. This item is to be added to the agenda as “Old Business”.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Alameda informed the Board that the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs are updating the mutual aid agreement around the Basin. This relationship is critical to us and should be maintained moving forward. An automatic and mutual aid agreement with Alpine County is almost complete. Eastern Alpine is also working on an agreement with Kirkwood to provide better service in that area.

Director Allen asked if Sue Novasel was contacted to be at the meeting to discuss the issue with homeowner's insurance. There has since been a mandate that insurance companies cannot cancel insurance for one year.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Stephen updated the Board on VHR inspections and that we will end the year with having completed close to 250 inspections. There will be about 550 to complete next year. With such a large number of inspections, the District is looking at ways to build a better program. We are starting to receive cost recovery money from Wittman. The program is running well.

Chief Zlendick said that crews have been busy preparing for the snow. Fire Mechanic Sessions has done a great job and saved the District \$8,000 fixing the plow. Chief Stephen and his crew did a good job handling the drowning call on Thanksgiving. There have been some radio glitches that should be corrected at some point. Chief Pevenage did a nice job on the dispatch contract. Administrative Manager Labrado and Teri Tucker are doing well dealing with the public on VHR's and daily District business. We had one recent injury and the safety committee will look into it to see how we can prevent this type of injury from happening again.

Chief Pevenage thanked the Board for wrapping up negotiations with the Battalion Chiefs and getting an MOU in place. Call volume has been down for EMS calls. Company Officer classes have been hosted and a new Haz Mat IC class will be offered in February. Physicals are taking place now and almost complete. Chief Alameda asked that Chief Pevenage get all of the Captains ready to be strike team leader trainees.

C. Firefighter's Association

Matt Nerdahl stated that negotiations were almost complete and that the contract was getting rewritten at this time. He also informed the Board that Captain Quinn was interviewed on Channel 4 News in regards to the drowning at Paradise Park. The District will not be having a Christmas party this year. Instead, the Foundation teamed up with the Union and has donated to Christmas Cheer.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Moore to approve the District year to date income and expense report from July 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District payroll for pay period 22 for \$155,969.57, for pay period 23 for 219,166.83 and for pay period 24 for \$162,011.70. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid November 25, 2019 for \$25,302.95 and for December 12, 2019 for \$115,500.19. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 6:30 pm. The Board resumed open session at 7:59 pm. There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Approved at the meeting of January 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Bettencourt
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes