

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
January 9, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on January 9, 2020 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of January 9, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2019 with the following change: the last sentence on page 3361 should have read insurance companies cannot cancel insurance in zip codes adjacent to recent wildfire areas for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 17, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 23, 2019. The motion passed unanimously

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Marini was present and commented on the JPA governing bi-laws. He will attend Monday's JPA meeting to get further information.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Rice thanked crews who responded to an unresponsive patient at Sierra-at-Tahoe. He was pleased to inform everyone that the patient is home and doing well. Great job everyone.

Chief Alameda informed the Board of a request for information from the Mountain News regarding Measure B. There were questions regarding call volume and salaries.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

Executive Director Ryan Wagoner is still working with the City Manager and legal counsel on securing housing for the ambulances. The South Tahoe Fire Rescue will be moving back into Station 2 by mid-March. Wagoner will provide more information at the Jan 13<sup>th</sup> JPA meeting. He state that Lake Valley Fire offered temporary housing for the ambulances should the JPA need it.

### **B. Measure Update**

Dusty LaChapelle stated that the Foundation had completed mailing out the tri-fold brochures and have started to put yard signs out throughout the District. There will be upcoming presentations at Sierra House Elementary School as well as the Lake Tahoe Environmental Magnet School. Additionally, he will be doing a presentation to the Meyers Advisory Committee on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation will begin canvassing once they are sure that the brochures have been received by constituents. Radio and TV appearances will begin soon. There is also a District fact sheet available for distribution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

## **REPORTS**

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

Chief Alameda mentioned the passing of Mindy Stevenson, a dispatcher in Minden, NV. He informed the Board that he is working on the annual report. Chief's Pevenage and Zlendick have been working on getting several mutual and automatic aid agreements signed with agencies around the Tahoe Basin. Chief Hughes from Eastern Alpine Fire was present and commented on the mutual aid agreement with Alpine County, stating it was way overdue and he is happy to have it in place. Chief Stephen has been doing a great job as Fire Marshal and has been dealing with egress window requirements for VHR's. Administrative Manager Labrado will be attending a CalPERS workshop on pension prefunding. There was brief discussion on the possibility of a reserve program at Lake Valley Fire.

### **B. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Stephen's report outlined chipping, defensible space, VHR and insurance inspections. VHR inspections have been increasing and we are seeing fees being collected. Cost recovery reimbursement is also starting to come in and we having success with the program.

Chief Zlendick said that there were 1415 alarms last year and commented on the request for information from the Mountain News. The request indicated that Lake Valley Fire was a sleepy department. Chief Zlendick wanted to assure everyone that even though the call volume may not be as high as other areas, the complexity of the calls may far surpass other areas. He thanked crews for their hard work and specialized skills. He also discussed that the apparatus committee has been meeting to discuss specs for a new engine, should the tax measure pass. Additionally, a short term agreement has been made between the South Tahoe Fire Rescue and Lake Valley Fire, where the City will be first into Heavenly. Finally, there have been two injuries and we will see a slight increase in overtime due to injuries.

Chief Pevenage informed the Board that the last two weeks were the busiest of the year but not the busiest holiday on the books. Snow Globe calls were limited to two. There will be a hazmat IC class next month. The high angle rescue team did another regional training and is pleased with the program. Martin Goldberg is part of a regional peer support counseling group.

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

Matt Nerdahl also commented that the District is not sleepy and the calls are challenging. He stated that the Union contract was just back from legal. He also said that they are ready to help with the tax measure.

### **D. Firefighter's Foundation**

The Firefighters Ball will be held March 21<sup>st</sup> at Riva Grill. The attire will be roaring 20's.

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

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District year to date income and expense report from July 1, 2018 to November 30, 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 25 for \$155,037.47 and for pay period 26 for \$198,255.08. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid December 23, 2019 for \$83,675.37 and for January 9, 2019 for \$23,813.34. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session at 6:04 pm. The Board resumed open session at 6:40 pm. There was no reportable action.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Approved at the meeting of January 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted;

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Robert Bettencourt  
CHAIRPERSON

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Leona Allen  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes