

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
September 9, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 9, 2021 via Zoom and at the fire station in, Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were present the following directors: Moore, Hogan, Sitton and Allen. Chief Zlendick along with Lake Valley personnel was present. Director Rice was present at 4:07 pm.

AGENDA

A request was made to add a moment of silence to the agenda before public comments. A motion was made by Director Sitton and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of September 9, 2021 with the added moment of silence. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Sitton and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for the Galt police officer who was killed while responding to the Caldor Fire, for two additional firefighters who passed away this year in the line of duty fighting the Dixie Fire and for the passing of retired Assistant Fire Chief Don Norby.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were two thank you communications received. As always, the Board thanked the crews for their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Ryan Wagoner stated that the new JPA contract is in place as of September 1, 2021. It is a ten year contract with a five year extension. The County agreed to pay for phase 2 of the facility remodel and he should receive a second agreement from that County for that remodel soon.

The JPA sent an ambulance on the Caldor Fire and helped to supply ambulances to partner agencies. Chief Zlendick thanked the JPA for staffing Medic 7 during the fire and for the cooperation and teamwork of the JPA.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt and Approve the 2021-22 FY Final Budget

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to adopt and approve the 2021-2022 FY final budget. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Caldor Fire Update

Chief Zlendick said that the District is still in the middle of the fire fight. Crews were heavily committed. The fire is approximately 218,000 acres in size. There was substantial loss on Echo Summit. He has talked to the building officials and is working on obtaining a report from the building department on the number of structures lost. Chief Zlendick is proud of the staff and all the agencies that came to help. Director Rice commented on how he was able to attend the meetings at the incident command post and see how the fire operates. He thanked the Chief for advocating for our community and thanked everyone for their efforts.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter's Associations

Matt Nerdahl thanked the Board for the recognition for their efforts protecting Christmas Valley, but said it is tempered by what happened on Echo Summit. Matt also wanted to thank the "Ladies of Lake Valley" for coordinating food and supplies before a fire camp was established. He also thanked Kileigh Labrado, Andrew Sessions and Cassidy Hagenbach for transporting all of the food and supplies to the crews. He said that everyone's effort was felt far and wide .

The Foundation reported that the "Ladies of Lake Valley" started a Go Fund Me page and raised over \$75,000 which will be donated to the Foundation to help the community recover from the Caldor Fire. None of the money will be kept by the firefighters.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

The TOT funding awarded to the District earlier this year was finalized by the County and we should see the funds soon. The new Brush 7 arrived and it was nice to see it roll in during the middle of a fire. Tahoe Douglas FPD is interested in purchasing the Brush 6 which was surplus last month.

C. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Stephen stated that prevention will be a big topic moving forward. He also let everyone know that they did a great job and that the task forces brought in through local agreements were a huge fight during this fire and said thank you.

Acting Battalion Chief Perry Quinn indicated that training was on hold during the fire but crews received a lot of on the job training. He celebrated the fact that there were no documented crew injuries or lives lost during this fire. It was an aggressive firefight and everyone did it safely. He also said that once things calm down there will be an in service training for the new brush rig and training will continue at the old Lakeside Inn.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the District year to date income and expense report from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the District payroll for pay period 16 for \$224,030.30 and for pay period 17 for \$231,826.17. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the bills paid August 24, 2021 for \$403,032.69 and September 9, 2021 for \$16,304.00. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 4:45pm and resumed open session at 5:20 pm. The Board authorized the Fire Chief to sign the rejection letter regarding the claim made by Gary Stuber. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Approved at the meeting of October 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted;

Gary Moore
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes