

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
October 14, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on October 14, 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, Sitton and Allen. Director Hogan was present via Zoom. Chief Zlendick along with Lake Valley personnel was present. Director Rice was present at 4:15 pm.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the agenda of October 14, 2021 with the following changes: remove items 8 A and 8 B under new business from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jesse Garner was present and let the Board know that he will begin a Fire Prevention Week Campaign in 2022.

Donarae Reynolds and Patti Wheeler were also present and thanked everyone for all of their hard work protecting our community during the Caldor Fire.

Chief Stephen recognized the new Fire Wise communities on North Upper Truckee.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from a constituent regarding cleanup help on CTC owned lots. Chief Stephen presented the letter to the Board and will contact the CTC to address the issue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

The JPA ambulance crews worked as part of a strike team during the Caldor Fire and were an asset. They also staffed Medic 7 allowing Lake Valley Fire personnel to staff Station 7.

### **B. Caldor Fire Update**

Chief Zlendick stated that the response to the Caldor Fire, when it entered Christmas Valley, was not a miracle. It was due to all of the effort put into prevention and 100% of District staff being on hand to help. A tremendous amount of prevention work has been done in the District to help with fires. That work coupled with the help of our agency partners allowed us to make a difference. The ember showers coming off Echo Summit were in the homes in no time. We had embers in the homes off of Upper Apache and all through Christmas Valley. Crews went after all of the spot fires and stopped the small spots from getting big. They worked seamlessly and the crews were the miracle.

There were 256 structures from Camp Sacramento to the top of Echo Summit that were destroyed. There was a lot of loss and what is still standing is due to crews pre-treating the homes. Sierra-at-Tahoe suffered severe loss as well. The District will work with the community and help in any way we can to assist in the rebuilding efforts. Additionally, a pumpkin patch fundraiser will be held Oct 16-17<sup>th</sup> at the Celio Ranch for the Caldor and Tamarack Fire victims.

### **C. New Brush 7 Update**

The new brush 7 came during the Caldor Fire. It replaced brush 6, a 23 year old brush rig. Currently the wait time for a new type 3 is three years. We were fortunate to have been able to find and purchase a demo model that fit our needs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Authorize Fire Chief to Purchase Lake Valley Fire Mechanics Tools**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase mechanics tools for Station 7, over a two year period, at \$37,500 per year. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Quint Update**

There was discussion as to the needs of purchasing a quint for the District. The discussion included talk about additional staffing for the apparatus and whether the station would need to be modified to accommodate the size of the apparatus. Additionally, there was discussion on the ISO rating for the District and whether or not the purchase of a quint would help with future ISO ratings. After all questions were answered a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Firefighter's Associations**

Matt Nerdahl stated that things are slowly getting back to normal after the Caldor Fire. He said that he was honored to serve and protect in this District and thanked the Board for their support.

The Foundation recently met and identified how they would like to donate funds that were collected during the Caldor Fire. A press release outlining the donations will hopefully be out soon.

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

The District is still trying to determine the amount of loss on Echo Summit. We are in communications with El Dorado County and awaiting a report that breaks down the structures lost on the summit and what it means for the District. A CISM will be held for crews on October 15 to help with the effects of the Caldor Fire. An after actions review for the agencies that helped fight the fire will be held soon.

### **C. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Stephen stated that TFFT will resume meetings in November to identify new projects for grant funding. Work has begun on cleaning up CTC lots as well as work in the Cold Creek drainage.

Battalion Chief Pevenage commented on the personnel meeting yesterday and stated that there will be a captain's meeting next week. Operations are moving forward and getting ready for the winter season.

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

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the District year to date income and expense report from July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021. 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 18 for \$200,385.36 and for pay period 19 for \$404,573.08. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the bills paid September 27, 2021 for \$23,573.08 and October 14, 2021 for \$16,951.90. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Approved at the meeting of November 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted;

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Gary Moore  
CHAIRPERSON

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Leona Allen  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes