

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
March 10, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on March 10, 2022 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, Allen, and Hogan. Directors Rice and Sitton were present via Zoom. Chief Zlendick 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 March 10, 2022 with the following change: move item 8B to under item 5 Public Comment. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lynn Harriman was present to represent Jesse Gardner and to follow up on the letter he submitted to the Board. Ms. Harriman asked what is being done to ensure compliance for the homes in her neighborhood that did not pass their defensible space inspections. She also wondered what her Firewise community could do to correct this and what the District is doing to help. Chief Zlendick stated that he spoke with Mr. Gardner and at length and that CalFire is the enforcement agency responsible for ensuring compliance. Chief Zlendick will contact CalFire and have one of their law enforcement officers make contact with the non-compliant homes.

DonaRae Reynolds was also present and asked the Chief how to find out what homes are non-compliant with their defensible space in her neighborhood. He stated that he would get her the information requested.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Past Fire Chief Richard DeLallo passed away. He was with the District from 1967-1997. He was also a volunteer four years prior to being hired full time. He was a founding father of the District and will be missed. The family is planning a memorial service May 7<sup>th</sup> and more details will be provided as they become available.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JPA Update**

Director Allen informed the Board that the JPA may be able to move into their new building at the end of March. Chief Zlendick asked Director Allen if any of the American Rescue funds could be used to build a new apparatus bay off of Station 7. Director Allen asked for a side meeting with the two JPA Board members and the Chief to go over this in detail before the next JPA meeting in April.

### **B. Apparatus Update/Quint Change Orders**

We have purchased four new apparatus in the past year. Rosenbauer has been sending pictures on the Type 1 Engines as it is being built and it should be here in May. The new squad is still on hold while a chassis is being located. The engine committee went back to Rosenbauer earlier this month and there were a few changes made. The new changes will cost up to \$50,000. A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve a change order not to exceed \$50,000 for the Quint. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Impact of Tourism Study**

Last year the District prepared a successful Impact of Tourism Study and received \$572,000 from El Dorado County to fund those impacts. \$222,000 was funded to offset the cost of staff and another \$350,000 was received to purchase a fast attack/squad to help personnel respond to calls. The District again reached out to Amanda Ross, with Southfork Consulting, to assist in drafting this year's report. The priorities identified this year will be funding for the prevention position, calls for service for non-tax paying citizens and funding to pay for remaining financed portion of the quint. Director Allen asked the Chief if the District applied for funding from the County for vegetation management. El Dorado Hills has a draft into the Board of Supervisors for funding. The Chief said he would look into it.

## **B. State of California Department of Insurance Notice of Public Hearing**

Director Allen introduced Amanda Milici, the Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator, for the Tahoe Resource Conservation District. With insurance becoming more and more difficult to obtain and/or renew a workshop will be held of March 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss options. The insurance commission will be looking into this and if FireWise and Fire Adapted Communities will help with insurance or insurance rates.

## **C. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Political Endorsement**

The Board discussed whether or not they should personally endorse candidates for political office. The general consensus of the Board was to stay away from personal endorsements due to the fact that there could be negative ramifications for backing a candidate that loses the election.

## **REPORTS**

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

Local 4409 provided a written report asking the Board to open negotiations to discuss additional staffing.

The Firefighters Foundation discussed the positive press associated with handing out donations. The Foundation has been receiving additional requests for donations and will have a meeting soon to discuss fall events.

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

Chief Zlendick stated that he has been in communications with Local 4409 and will look at staffing in the future. They are talking to see what can and can't be done and have agreed to talk every 30 days.

We are in our 75<sup>th</sup> year and the press has been reaching out for a story. The Chief wants to wait for the new engine to arrive so that it can be part of the story. He would also like to have a pancake breakfast.

### **C. Battalion Chiefs**

Acting Battalion Chief Hagenbach stated that crews are gearing up for the new engines to come. Additionally, an engineer and captain testing will be held soon.

**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, 2021 to January 31, 2022. 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 3 for \$189,713.70 and for pay period 4 for \$174,510.41. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Hogan to approve the bills paid February 28, 2022 for \$37,181.61 and March 10, 2022 for \$56,652.98. The motion passed unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Approved at the meeting of April 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted;

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Gary Moore  
CHAIRPERSON

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Leona Allen  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes