

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
October 13, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 8, 2022 at the fire station in Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Rice called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were present the following directors: Rice, Allen and Sitton. Director Hogan and Director Moore were not in attendance. Chief Stephen along with Lake Valley personnel were present.

AGENDA

Director Allen recommends moving Board Candidate interviews to the end of the meeting. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the agenda of October 13, 2022 with the change. 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 8, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenny Curtzwiller was present and stated the 4% TOT tax is coming up and it will be going to the Department of Transportation. He states that he is apprehensive about the tax. He states that he feels the tax revenue should remain in the area.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Chief Pinning

Director Rice states the Board is honored to make Chief Stephen's position official and he believes they have found the right person to move the district forward. Chief Stephen

was pinned by his wife. Chief Stephen thanked everyone for coming out and for their support, and stated he looks forward to moving the district forward.

The Board took a Recess from 4:05pm to 4:23pm

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Allen shares that the bid for the Carport came in much higher than expected, so Ryan Wagoner will be looking at what options the JPA has before the TRPA dig deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Resolution 2022-10 Cal Fire RFC

Chief Stephen states the District is looking for approval to accept the funds from the CalFire Grant, which matches 50% of the cost for PPE. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to accept the funds from the Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

- **Local 4409**

Luke Anderson shared his and the union's support for Fire Chief Stephen. Luke stated he has had the privilege to work with Chad for many years and see him move up in his career. He states that Chief Stephen has always been a strong leader and led by example.

- **Firefighters Foundation**

Mike Anderson stated that fundraiser season is slowing down and so have donation requests. The foundation has decided to restart the fire academy scholarship program, which this year a student must be already enrolled in the program to be eligible to apply for the \$1500.00 scholarship. The foundation is also discussing annual fundraisers, one of which they are considering is the pumpkin patch, which would begin again next year.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Stephen shared there is a lot of positive work being done in the wildland fuels division and they are seeing a lot of networking that was unexpected. The district has been working with the City of South Lake Tahoe Fire to enhance the South Shore Division for the constituents. The District had a meeting with Liberty Utilities and is looking to create a partnership. Additionally, beginning next month, the Chief hopes to

have a quarterly presentation for the Board to share what the District has been doing. The Chief also requested a special meeting in the next week to discuss District Personnel Matters.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Fire Marshal**

Nate Hagenbach stated that the County is reviewing the Fire Code and will inform the Board of any major changes.

- **Operations**

Chief Pevenage stated that the District is utilizing a state recognized program for policy updates that all the neighboring Districts use as well. He asked that the Board allow for the Fire Chief to have the authority to approve the policies that do not change significantly. The advice from the Attorney was that the Board could be as involved as they would choose. The Board stated they would like to review the final version.

- **Training**

Chief Quinn stated that the District is keeping busy with training and they are doing monthly inter-department training with the City of South Lake Tahoe and the JPA, and alternating who hosts the training each month. He shared some of the upcoming trainings that are planned.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORTS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the District's year-to-date income and expense reports for August 1 through August 31, 2022.

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 \$197,768.21, Pay Period 17 for \$192,020.04, and Pay Period 18 for \$246,704.51. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the bills paid for Fiscal Year 22-23 for September 15, 2022 for \$35,583.77, and October 4, 2022 for \$75,513.72. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

B. Board of Directors Appointment- Conduct Interviews for Open Board Position and Select Candidate

Director Rice shared that no one had ran as an election candidate for the Board, so the Board now has the opportunity to appoint a Director. He stated that there were two interested parties, however due to misinformation, one of the parties did not get their application in by the deadline. Irene Kaelin shared her interest in the District and her prior experience, and noted that she still has a lot to learn about the District. Director Sitton asked if Irene saw any conflict of interest or had any reservations since she has a relative who is an employee of the district. She stated she does not anticipate having any conflict. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Irene Kaelin to the upcoming Board vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
VICE CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes