

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY**

September 8, 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 Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were present the following directors: Moore, Rice, Allen and Sitton. Director Hogan was not in attendance. Chief Stephen along with Lake Valley personnel were present.

AGENDA

The Board recognizes there are family members in attendance and agrees to move Item 8 New Business Item A under Communications. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the agenda of September 8, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mindy Badgely was present and expressed concern for over-logging that is happening in her neighborhood which has been approved by the Forest Service. She states she is trying to raise awareness about the situation and invites anyone to come see the situation.

Jesse Garner was present and shared that National Fire Prevention day is October 9th and this year's theme is, "Fire won't wait, plan your escape".

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter/Paramedic Promotions- Booker and Schnaible

Chief Stephen states he wishes to recognize two promotions and expresses gratitude to the Board, Union, and Staff for working together to make it possible. Benjamin Booker was recognized first and pinned by his mother. Neil Schnaible was recognized next and pinned by his wife.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

No Report.

B. County TOT Contract

Chief Stephen states nothing has changed and he is looking for approval to sign the document. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Board of Directors Appointment

The County received insufficient nominees for the November 8th election, and therefore the Board must appoint a member. Director Moore states they are looking for anyone who is interested in being on the District Board and has an interest in the Fire District, they must live within the District boundaries, and be able to serve a four year term. Director Rice and Director Sitton will form a subcommittee to review and interview the interested parties. The notice was put out online and on social media by Martin Goldberg.

The Board took a short 10 minute recess.

C. TRCD Contract

Martin explained that they are looking to get back into the Tahoe-RCD program, which is the fire adapted communities program. He explained that by working under this contract, the District would be able to cover some of the cost for him and Teri Tucker.

C. Final Budget Approval

The Board and Chief Stephen went through the final budget numbers. The Board noted and agreed to add approximately \$87,000 of undesignated money to reserve contingency to make the budget balance. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Fire Chief's Employment Contract

Director Moore shares that in closed session at the last meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to make a contractual offer to Chad Stephen for the permanent Fire Chief position. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice. The motion passed unanimously. Director Moore requested a pinning ceremony be added to the next agenda.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

- **Local 4409**

No addition to the submitted report.

- **Firefighters Foundation**

No addition to the submitted report.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Stephen reported that they are working on a contract to donate the old engine to Lake Tahoe Community College. He made note that the Mosquito Fire is almost the exact same distance away as the Caldor fire was when it started last year. He stated he was in communication with the other Fire Chiefs around the lake and everyone was discussing plans in case the fire moves closer.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Fire Marshal**

No addition to the submitted report.

- **Operations**

Chief Pevenage states they restarted the Firefighter/Paramedic Job Announcement which will be out for about six weeks. He also stated he was working on the Battalion Chief job announcement and hopes to have it filled by the end of the year.

- **Training**

No addition to the submitted report.

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 July 1 through July 31, 2022.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

Chief Stephen and the administrative assistant were unable to access the payroll reports for pay periods 16, 17, and 18. These pay periods will be approved at the next scheduled board meeting.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid for Fiscal Year 22-23 for September 1, 2022 for \$105,494.43, and September 6, 2022 for \$18,306.46. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Closed Session at 5:21pm.

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Discuss Contract Negotiations Between LVFD Board of Directors and Fire Chief.

The Board of Directors returned to Open Session at 6:09pm and gave the following report: For each new Fire Chief employment contract, the Board of Directors will set the Fire Chief's salary. This will eliminate the current A-D salary scale for Fire Chiefs. The new annual salary for Chief Stephen will be his Interim Fire Chief salary plus an additional \$5,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Gary Moore
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes