**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**

**LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**OF EL DORADO COUNTY**

**December 8, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Director Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. There were present the following Directors: Moore, Rice, Allen and Sitton. Director Hogan was not in attendance. Chief Stephen and Lake Valley personnel were present.

**AGENDA**

Chief Stephen asked that item 7C – Firefighter/Paramedic Pinning – Nicholas Mikovich be moved to just before 8. Old Business to allow time for Nicholas to return from a call. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda with the change. 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 November 10, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Moore noted that several communications from the public were in the Board packet, including one from a Barton Hospital representative acknowledging the work done by Captain Goldberg regarding Critical Incident Stress.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Oath of Office for Irene Kaelin**

Director Moore gave the oath of office to Irene Kaelin as a newly-appointed Director-at-Large.

**B. Firewise Community Recognition**

Chief Stephen advised the Board that there are two new Firewise neighborhoods in Lake Valley’s jurisdiction – Black Bart and Spring Creek.

**D. Recognition of Service – Gary Moore**

Director Rice presented Gary Moore with a plaque to thank him for his dedication and service to the District.

**RECESS**

The Board went into recess at 5:19 pm. The Board reconvened at 5:34 pm.

Chief Stephen asked the Board to hold item 7C for the return of Nicholas Mikovich, to which they agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. JPA Update**

Director Allen reported that Executive Director Ryan Wagoner received TRPA approval for the construction exception and the work has already begun.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**E. Appointment of Board Positions for 2023**

The Board positions were discussed and decided upon as follows:

Budget Committee – Directors Hogan and Sitton

Facilities and Grounds – Directors Sitton and Kaelin

JPA – Directors Rice and Allen, Director Kaelin Alternate

Chair – Director Rice

Vice-Chair – Director Allen

Secretary – Director Kaelin

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the Board positions for 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Fire Code First Reading**

Chief Stephen introduced Battalion Chief Ken Earle from Pioneer Fire District, who attended via Zoom. Chief Earle assisted Chief Stephen with the Fire Code process, which is done every three years. Chief Stephen went over the Fire Code, highlighting the changes that had been made. Director Rice expressed concern that the construction community may have been left out of the conversation regarding Fire Code changes. Chief Earle advised the Board that the Building Industry Advisory Committee had been involved in the process.

**7C. Firefighter/Paramedic Pinning – Nicholas Mikovich**

Chief Stephen presented the District’s newest Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas Mikovich, whose badge was pinned by Haley Munns.

**REPORTS**

**A. Firefighter Associations**

* Local 4409

No additional report.

* Firefighters Foundation

No additional report

**B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief’s Report**

The Chief advised the Board that he may have to call a special meeting in January to hold the second reading of the Fire Code. He also hopes to have a discussion regarding the future of the Prevention Division program

**C. Battalion Chiefs**

* Fire Marshal

No additional report

* Operations

No additional report

* Training

No additional report

**APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

The payroll reports had not been received by the County. Approval will occur at the January meeting.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the bills paid for fiscal year 22-23 for November 17, 2022 for $5,125.36 and for December 6, 2022 for $456,516.00. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Rice, Chair Irene Kaelin, Secretary

L. Allen prepared the minutes.