

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
August 10, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on August 10, 2023 at the fire station in Meyers, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Rice called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. There were present the following directors: Rice, Allen, Sitton, and Kaelin. Director Hogan was not in attendance. Fire Chief Stephen and Lake Valley personnel were present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the agenda of August 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The approval of the minutes has been tabled until the next regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Director Rice gave his thanks and appreciation to all the District staff for their hard work and shared that he has been hearing great things from the community about the District.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. JPA Update**

Administrative Assistant Kayla shared that the Carport parking pad has been laid and is only waiting on electrical.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Hires- Andrew Litzinger, Anthony DeMarta, Nathan Lester, and Kayla Galvan**

Fire Chief Stephen presented Firefighter/EMT Andrew Litzinger, who was pinned by his girlfriend Cheyanne Neuffer, Defensible Space Inspector Nathan Lester, and Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan.

**B. Promotions- Anthony Gasporra and Christian Anton**

Fire Chief Stephen presented Captain Anthony Gasporra, who was pinned by his wife Sarah.

**C. Firefighter of the Year Award**

Firefighter Medic Neil Schnaible presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Captain Matt Nerdahl.

The Board took a brief recess from 4:22 to 4:45pm

**D. Review and Approval of the Fire Chief Evaluation Process**

Fire Chief Stephen states that he sent the Board three evaluation options that he feels would work well. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Kaelin to adopt "Fire Chief Eval 3" as the format to evaluate the Chief for this year, or until a different form is adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Discussion of the City of South Lake Tahoe's Annexation Study**

Fire Chief Stephen states that the Annexation Study is provided in the Board packet, and recommends appointing a Board member as liaison to the City for further discussions. He states that the City did not reach out until after the study was presented. Director Rice volunteers to be the liaison and attempt to meet with the City and provide more information to the Board at the next meeting.

**REPORTS**

**A. Firefighter Associations**

● **Local 4409**

No additional report.

● **Firefighters Foundation**

Ben Booker shares that the Foundation is excited to be covering the cost of the pre-installation fees for the cardiac tones install.

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

Chief Stephen stated that the County is working on cleaning up the District's financials and admitted to making errors on their end. He shared that he attended the Tahoe Summit this week and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi presented all the Fire Chiefs with a challenge coin, and shared her efforts to get federal funding into the basin. Captain Goldberg shared updates on the fuels division. Chief Stephen made the Board aware that CalPERS released a preliminary return of 5.8% on investments.

### **C. Battalion Chiefs**

- **Fire Marshal**

No Additional Report.

- **Operations**

No Additional Report.

- **Training**

No Additional Report.

### **Review and Approve Preliminary Year to Date Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

A motion was made by Director Allen and Seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the preliminary year to date income and expense report for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Allen to approve district payroll for pay period 13 for \$198,791.13, pay period 14 for \$252,464.93, pay period 15 for \$162,386.01, and pay period 16 for \$199,976.92. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Sitton to approve the bills paid for Fiscal Year 22-23 for July 21, 2023 for \$396.00, July 27, 2023 for \$89,254.94, August 1, 2023 for \$54,232.71 and for Fiscal Year 23-24 July 27, 2023 for \$239,667.41 and August 1, 2023 for \$15,575.83. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. New Hire- Anthony DeMarta**

Chief Stephen presented Firefighter/EMT Anthony DeMarta, who was pinned by Captain Anderson.

**B. Promotion- Christian Anton**

Chief Stephen presented Engineer Christian Anton, who was pinned by his mom.

New hires Andrew Litzinger, Anthony DeMarta, Nathan Lester, and Kayla Galvan took the oath of office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

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John Rice  
CHAIRPERSON

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Irene Kaelin  
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes