

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
September 14, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on September 14, 2023 at the fire station in Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Sitton and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of September 14, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2023

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

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2023

A motion was made by Director Sitton and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the minutes for August 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Stephen shared that Firefighter Trenton Bailey resigned to focus on his health. Director Rice called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack. He recognized the difficulties firefighters face and the hard work they do. Battalion Chief Pevenage shared that Kenny Curtzwiler has given the district a shadow box on loan for the next year that contains rubble from the twin towers, and can be viewed in the Station 7 lobby.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Director Rice reported that the second round of bidding for construction concluded and two bids were received. The JPA is looking into all potential cost saving options, but will eventually have to ask the County for additional funding to complete the project.

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

Director Rice reported that he and Chief Stephen had a meeting with representatives of the City of South Lake Tahoe and they shared their intentions and the "why" of the study. He reported that the City Council has not yet agreed on how to move forward. The City Manager stated that their intent is not to impact Lake Valley financially. Chief Stephen reported that Lake Valley cannot stop the process, but there may be an opportunity to negotiate before everything is finalized. He reported that Heavenly is in support of the annexation. Director Rice stated that Joe Irving intends to come to a Lake Valley meeting and discuss the plan before it is finalized.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

- **Local 4409**
No report.
- **Firefighters Foundation**
No additional report.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Stephen reported that the budget committee will be meeting the last week of September, and a final budget will be presented at the October meeting. He also reported that the Regional Chiefs have been discussing evacuation concerns and are looking at ramping up prevention efforts. He stated that Firefest will be September 30th at the Hard Rock Hotel.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Fire Marshal**
No Additional Report.
- **Operations**
No Additional Report.
- **Training**
No Additional Report.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Sittion to approve district payroll for pay period 17 for \$180,390.96, and pay period 18 for \$174,076.32. 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 23-24 for August 31, 2023 for \$78,447.07. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered closed session at 4:38pm and returned to open session at 5:45pm. The Board reported that they approved promoting Chief Stephen from Step C to Step D.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes