

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
November 9, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on November 9, 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, Allen, Hogan, Sitton, and Kaelin. Fire Chief Stephen and Lake Valley personnel were present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Sitton and seconded by Director Allen to approve the agenda of November 9, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES FOR October 12, 2023**

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the minutes for October 12, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. JPA Update**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PORAC Retirement Medical Trust Presentation by Susan Kolb**

Suzan Kolb presented a medical trust plan for retirement. The plan must be voted in by the bargaining unit and contributed to monthly. Contributions start as low as \$50 per employee for the first year and \$100 per employee for the second year, up to a

maximum of \$750. The plan acts as an HSA where after retirement employees can submit claims for all eligible medical expenses. Current employees need to be enrolled for 5 years to obtain lifetime benefits, new employees would require 10 years. Once lifetime status is reached employees can submit claims indefinitely, without lifetime status they are limited to the amount accrued in their account.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Firefighter Associations**

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

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

Chief Stephen added that the Regional Chiefs are meeting monthly and now including law enforcement and focusing on evacuation planning. Chief stated that the three employees who were on long term disability have returned, but there are new employees going out on other injuries.

### **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 Allen to approve district payroll for pay period 21 for \$197,783.62, and pay period 22 for \$202,251.93. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Allen to approve the bills paid for Fiscal Year 23-24 for October 26, 2023 for \$74,708.78, and November 7, 2023 for \$129,726.26. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Sitton announced that this would be his last in person meeting for the next 6 months at least, and asked how the Board would like to proceed. Director Allen was named as an alternate on the negotiations committee in case negotiations are not completed before Director Sitton leaves. Discussion for how to proceed for Director Sitton will be discussed at the next board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

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John Rice  
CHAIRPERSON

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Irene Kaelin  
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes