

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
July 11, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on July 11, 2024 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, Kaelin, and Cain. 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 Kaelin to approve the agenda of July 11, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR June 13, 2024

Director Allen requested a change to the minutes. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Cain to approve the minutes for June 13, 2024 with the change. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

No update.

B. Review 2024 Conflict of Interest Code

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan explained that the County provided a current conflict of interest code, and that the Board needed to decide between the code that is currently in place or the code that was approved at the last meeting. The Board chose to stay with the code approved at the June 13th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding CalPers Health Benefit Plan

Administrative Assistant Kayla Galvan reminded the Board of a change that was voted on last fall to cover 45% of the health premium for active employees, which went into effect January 1, 2024. This change also applied to retirees on the health plan, which was an unintended change. During the GASB 75 reporting it became clear that this change caused the district's OPEB liability to go from \$2.2 million to approximately \$6.6 million. Kayla stated that the district could revert the CalPERS resolution back to how it was previously, which would make the retiree's coverage go back to the minimum coverage and reduce the OPEB liability, while keeping the 45% premium coverage for active employees internally through paycheck deductions. The Board requested that the attorney be contacted before any decision is made.

B. Approval to Surplus Squad 7- 1999 Ford F550 Type 6 VIN #2017 Mileage 55,848 Approximate Value: \$25k

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Kaelin to surplus Squad 7 VIN #2017. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval to order 2 new Utility/Chief vehicles with financing to begin Fiscal Year 25/26

Chief Stephen states that vehicle builds are taking longer and longer and this would allow the district to get on the list to take possession of the vehicles in the next fiscal year. A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Cain to approve the order of 2 new Chief/ Utility vehicles. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of MOU between LVFPD, SLTFR, and LTUSD

The MOU provides authorization and release of liability for South Tahoe Fire and Lake Valley Fire to implement fire hazard reduction work beginning fall of this year. Director Allen requests the district have media outreach to inform the public of the project. A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Allen to approve the MOU. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Firefighter Associations

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

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Stephen stated that the strategic plan committee would be meeting on Monday 7/15. The district is working to spread the word about the Perimeter.com app which shows active fires, evacuation zones, and areas on watch for evacuation. He reported that the City filed for the annexation of the houses in Sierra Tract, and that the County of El Dorado was recognized as a Fire Risk Reduction Community.

C. Battalion Chiefs

- **Fire Marshal**
Chief Pevenage shared that additional units were moving into the basin for the high fire danger for the upcoming weekend. The initial response from CalFire is one battalion chief, one air attack, two tankers, one helicopter, four engines, two crews and one dozer, plus one chief officer, three engines, one ambulance, and one water tender from local government resources.
- **Operations**
Chief Stephen reported that the district is expecting a busy strike team season.
- **Training**
No Additional Report.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2023 TO June 30, 2024

No reports were received from the County to present. When reports are received they will be emailed to the Board members.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve district payroll for pay period 13 for \$208,893.91, and pay period 14 for \$209,191.68. 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 June 20, 2024 for \$432,982.00, June 25, 2024 for \$69,134.36 and for July 9, 2024 for \$15,542.95. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Rice
CHAIRPERSON

Irene Kaelin
SECRETARY

K. Galvan prepared the minutes