

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
February 13, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in a regular meeting on February 13, 2025 at the fire station in Meyers, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Rice called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were present the following directors: Rice, Cain and Kaelin. Director Hogan was absent. Fire Chief Stephen, Lake Valley and South Lake Tahoe fire personnel and members of the public were present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the agenda of February 13, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Cain and seconded by Director Kaelin to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

South Lake Tahoe Fire personnel expressed their appreciation for the promotion of Battalion Chief Martin Goldberg. Director Rice conveyed his appreciation for SLT Fire and LVFPD working so well together.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Stephen gave the directors a copy of Steve Teshara's report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**JPA Update**

Chief Stephen shared that the final walk through for the new building is next Friday. He also stated that four JPA employees have recently been hired: two by SLT Fire and two by LVFPD.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Battalion Chief Pinning**

Chief Stephen shared about Martin Goldberg's history with LVFPD before presenting him with the Battalion Chief pin. Battalion Chief Goldberg was pinned by his wife, Karen.

There was a brief break to celebrate Battalion Chief Goldberg

### **B. Mitigation Fees**

Chief Stephen presented the board with a contract with Ridgeline for \$15,950. LVFPD currently charges a mitigation fee of \$0.98/sq.ft. while the average is \$3.00/sq.ft.

Director Rice would like construction personnel to be forewarned of any increase and would like a meeting with the community once the report is completed. Director Cain made a motion to accept the contract and Director Kaelin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Budget Amendment**

Chief Stephen gave the directors the amended budget and pointed out that non-resident calls were a \$40,000 revenue and that there should be more money coming from the CTC grant. Director Kaelin made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Director Cain seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### **D. Board Candidate Interviews**

The board had received a letter of intent and resume from Jessica Henderson. After asking the candidate several questions the board agreed that Ms. Henderson would be a good addition to the LVFPD board of directors.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Firefighters Associations**

Nothing to report

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

Chief Stephen attended the recent Board of Supervisors meeting in Placerville on Tuesday. He talked about the TOT funds and stated the county is evaluating if they will be distributed to outside agencies due to a reduced revenue this year. They will be developing a budget proposal for the April meeting. He highlighted that the Lake Tahoe area of the county generates two thirds of the TOT funds and 33% of our calls are for non-residents. He hopes we are able to make a request for assistance this year from discretionary TOT funds as it makes a big difference in operations without impacting the residents. The Board of Supervisors are prioritizing public safety of the outside agencies if there is enough funding.

### **C. Battalion Chiefs**

- Operations  
No additional report
- Prevention  
No additional report
- Training  
No additional report
- Fuels Division  
Battalion Chief Goldberg reported that they are requesting \$1.5 million from the Conservancy for fuel reduction work on El Dorado County lots, around our local schools and Bijou Community Park. There should also be \$250,000 to work on fuel reduction on Conservancy lots and a stewardship program where neighbors can clear Conservancy lots.

### **Review and Approve District Year to Date Income and Expense Report for July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve the District year-to-date Income and Expense report for July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve District payroll for pay period 2, January 17, 2025 for \$202,971.28 and pay period 3, January 31, 2025 for \$265,685.99. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

A motion was made by Director Kaelin and seconded by Director Cain to approve the payment of the bills for January 14, 2025 for \$72,241.88 and February 11, 2025 for \$165,245.43. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

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John Rice

CHAIRPERSON

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Irene Kaelin

SECRETARY

I. Kaelin prepared the minutes