

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
October 13, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on October 13, 2016 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Rossi and Rice. Director Herback arrived at 7:10pm. Director Huber was absent. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the agenda of October 13, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 7, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorian Fougères with the National Forest Foundation was present to talk about a project the Foundation is performing on the West Shore. The project is a three year project that will focus on preserving and restoring the forest water sheds. Lake Valley will be monitoring the progress and engaging in the Foundation to better prepare the South Shore for preservation as the Foundation continues its work around the Lake.

Leona Allen asked the Board on a formal update on the interim Board director position. The Board informed her that the position will remain vacant until the general election.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications received and thanked everyone for doing a great job. Special thanks were given for the help with the badge pinning ceremony on Oct. 11, 2016. The turnout was wonderful and the ceremony was a huge success. Congratulations to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

Nothing to report at this time.

B. JPA Update

Rich Todd with El Dorado County gave an update at the last JPA meeting on Oct 11, 2016. IFT's are still on the Board of Supervisor's agenda, but there is a lack of clarity as to what will transpire. Barton Memorial Hospital is willing to provide funding to help offset the cost of IFT's. The City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue is a non-transporting member of the JPA and has two seats on a four person board. There has been discussion on possible bringing North Tahoe Fire back into the JPA and Fallen Leaf Lake has expressed interest in entering the JPA as well. The JPA does have a service model into the County Board of Supervisors and are trying to speed things up to coincide with the West Slope JPA's contract deadline. We would like to have a model that is the same for both CSA's.

Chief Alameda has a meeting scheduled for October 17, 2016 to meet with the County CAO to explain how the JPA operates and how funding is received. He has also appointed Chief Jeff Michael as the Lake Valley Fire liaison to the JPA. This will give Executive Director Ryan Wagoner additional support with El Dorado County.

C. Nevada Fire Safe Council Update

Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter's Association

The Association welcomed Chief Alameda and thanked the District for a great celebration. Everyone is excited about the changes to the department and looking forward to the future. The volunteer program is being reinstated and an installation dinner will be held at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course on November 4, 2016. The Association also said a special thank you to Director Herback for his years of service to the District. He will be missed. Finally, Engineer Martin Goldberg was thanked for his work and on hiring both Jake Looney and Jake Gallo.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Sitton thanked everyone for their help while he transitions into his new position. He is learning his job and has been very busy. He will be meeting with the training committee next week to talk about an upcoming schedule. We have gone 300 days with no injuries. The volunteer program will be starting up shortly and will be headed up by Captain Malone. The JPA employees will be able to be part of the program. Director Rice commented on keeping up the positive energy and getting all new employees involved with our strategic plan.

Chief Zlendick also mentioned that he is transitioning into his new position in Prevention. He has been spending lots of time on plan reviews. We have new hockey academy being built in the District. Firefest went well despite the location change. The turnout and feedback was all positive. He also thanked Engineer Goldberg for his help. Chief Zlendick was asked a question regarding the bridge replacement project over Echo Summit and informed the Board that he will be attending the meetings regarding the upcoming project.

Chief Hekhuis commented on the JPA. Everything has been working well thus far. There have been a few bumps and hiccups but Lake Valley is helping our where we can and crews have been helping to cover with Medic 6.

C. Audit Proposal Review and Award

Director Rice made a motion to select Pehling and Pehling to perform the Districts 2015-2016 fiscal year audit. The motion was seconded by Director Rossi. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-01, The 2016 California Fire Code

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to adopt Ordinance 2016-01, The 2016 California Fire Code. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into recess at 7:10pm

The Board resumed open session at 7:21pm

E. Discussion/Approval of Burn Tower Demolition

A motion to approve the burn tower demolition was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Boundary Drop Agreement Between Meeks Bay Fire, North Tahoe Fire and Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection Districts via LTRFC

G. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to approve the Boundary Drop Agreement between Meeks Bay Fire, North Tahoe Fire and Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection Districts via LTRFC. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority

Refer to Old Business – B. JPA Update

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda had nothing new to report. The Board asked for a replacement plan for the District's fleet, a monthly PR update and to include Dispatch on the upcoming agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2015- August 31, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to approve the District payroll for pay period 18 for \$168,947.06 for pay period 19 for \$202,748.02. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Herback to approve the bills paid on September 26, 2016 for \$23,110.01, on October 13, 2016 for \$33,351.29, and on September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$65,369.00 for the FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program . The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Approved at the meeting of November 17, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes