

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
May 12, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on May 12, 2016 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. There were present the following directors: Huber, Rossi, Bettencourt, Rice and Herback. Also present were Chief Harris and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of May 12, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no special minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Upshaw of Upshaw Performance Systems addressed the meeting and thanked everyone for participating and speaking with him. He has given his report to the Board of Directors on the District's strengths and weaknesses along with recommendations for improvement.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications received and thanked everyone for doing a great job.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

Nothing new to report

B. Radon Mitigation

Station 7 was tested for Radon and the reports indicated radon levels that need to be mitigated. Stations 5 and 6 will be tested next. Radon mitigation at Station 7 will begin the third week of May.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighters Association

Personnel update - Captain Joe McAvoy's retirement party is Friday, May 13th at 7:00pm. We hope to see everyone there. The Association is excited to welcome Christian Anton on board as the new apprentice. He starts May 17th. The Captain's test is scheduled for June 20th. Finally, three of our employees are expecting new babies in August, two of our Captains will be going out as strike team leader trainees, and we have two long term injuries. It is going to be a busy summer.

Cell phone tower – the possible installation of the T-Mobile cell phone tower has spurred many discussions amongst the Association. Concerns have arisen regarding health, property values and public perception.

The Career Development Plan has been completed along with the job descriptions. Thank you to Battalion Chief Hekhuis for doing an amazing job.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Hekhuis informed the Board that Workman's Compensation insurance will be increasing based on loss experience in FY 2015.

Brush 7 and Water Tender 7 have returned as we are gearing up for summer.

There were two vehicle accidents on C shift that required complicated extrications, great job to everyone who helped.

Chief Zlendick gave an update on the structure fire in the Tahoe Keys. He said that the crews did a great job and he could not ask for more. He also hopes to bring everyone back together for training on the 4-plex off of Sawmill Rd.

Liberty Utilities came in and did a presentation to all shifts. Southwest Gas would like to partner with us to replace the propane prop with natural gas with no cost to the department if they can be involved in training with us.

The cost to complete the classrooms came in at approximately \$80,000. Chief Poell is working with TRPA to determine if additional coverage issues.

C. Career Development Plan/Job Descriptions

The Career Development Plan looks good with the exception of a question over degree requirements. It is the direction of the Board to keep the job descriptions and education requirements as written.

D. Resolution 2016-2 A Resolution Establishing Appropriation Limits for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice approving Resolution 2016-2 A Resolution Establishing Appropriation Limits for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Nevada Legal Representation Joint Agreement

There will be a hearing May 31, 2016 in regards to a proposed settlement for the Nevada Fire Safe Council. The settlement did not include Lake Valley on the list of creditors getting any money.

There are several other Basin departments that were either not named in the settlement or were not receiving what was owed. These Basin agencies are joining forces and hiring one attorney to represent them at this hearing. Lake Valley would like permission to join in this group so that an objection can be filed on our behalf. The Board approved Chief Harris entering into this contract as long as the cost does not exceed \$5000.

REPORTS

A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority

The City of South Lake Tahoe stated that they will no longer provide staffing for ambulances as of June 30, 2016. They presented the JPA Board with a proposal which consisted of having the JPA become an employing entity and taking over the City's obligations. This would allow the City to become a non-transporting entity and allow Lake Valley to continue to operate Medic 7. The JPA employees would remain non-safety personnel until the end of the existing contract. Discussion ensued and it was the direction of the Board to inform the JPA Board that in theory this proposal may work, but we would like more time to review it and make suggestions so that it works for all parties involved until the end of the contract.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Harris updated the Board on the T-Mobile cell site, stating that he received an email today notifying him that there will be a hearing with TRPA and notices will be sent to residents who live within 300 ft. of the proposed site. T-Mobile has also applied for a permit but has not yet received approval. Finally, a lease has not been signed. T-Mobile did provide an independent RF study and that has been completed and they deem the tower safe. Scientific based information has been asked for as well and we are waiting for T-Mobile to provide this data.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

The Board went into closed session at 8:45 pm. The Board resumed open session at 10:55 pm. No reportable action was taken.

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- March 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 7 for \$42,114.47, and for pay period 8 for \$183,193.03. 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 April 25, 2016 for \$24,083.88, and on May 12, 2016 for \$273,301.65. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Approved at the meeting of June 15, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes