

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
June 15, 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 5:30 p.m. There were present the following directors: Huber, 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 June 15, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 12, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 24, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Leona Allen, with the Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy, informed the Board that Class 10 of the Academy will be graduating on June 25, 2016 at noon at the Duke Theater at LTCC. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **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**

On May 4, 2016 FEMA awarded an extension for the wood roof replacement program until April 30, 2018. Approximately 75 homes will be taking advantage of the program in the amount of \$821,000.

### **B. JPA Update**

Ryan Wagoner, Executive Director of the JPA is moving forward and taking all the steps necessary to transition the JPA into an employing entity. Nothing has been finalized with the County, but there is ongoing discussion about eliminating psych transfers and non-emergency transfers. The County Board of Supervisors will have a meeting on July 19, 2016 to discuss amending the JPA contract to take out IFT's. There was also discussion about the County purchasing the JPA a new ambulance and paying the difference in dispatch costs. The County is soliciting other agencies to take over in the event the JPA fails as an employing entity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Firefighters Association**

The Association welcomed Christian Anton on board as the new apprentice.

## **B. Battalion Chiefs**

Chief Zlendick gave an update on radon. The radon mitigation system has been installed at Station 7 and the levels have dropped to below one. Station 6 was tested and the levels were low enough that no mitigation was necessary. Station 5 is being tested now and we should have the results in a few days. The Crews have all been busy with training. Engine 5 will be out for several community events and will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Chief Poell informed the Board about the new Think First campaign. The District received a \$5000 grant for materials and has been working diligently on the program. Chief Poell would like to thank Teri Tucker and Lt. Goldberg for their help with the Wildfire Expo. He would also like to thank both B and C shifts for helping out with the fire prevention school programs.

The 2016 California Fire Code adoption process is underway. We will be readopting the last amendments and the process should be quicker and easier. The Nexus Study and Capital Improvement Plan are still on hold at the County. Development fees will not be released until these are approved.

Chief Hekhuis thanked FF/Medic Mike Anderson for helping Apprentice FF/Medic Anton complete his accreditation process. Ryan Wagoner requested a system status management updated change. It is complete and waiting for County approval.

The Captains testing will be June 20 -21, 2016. There are three applicants for the position.

## **C. Proclamation and Recognition Honoring Fire Chief Gareth S. Harris**

A proclamation was read honoring Fire Chief Gareth S. Harris. The Board thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

## **D. Preliminary Budget FY 2016/2017**

The preliminary budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year was reviewed. Direction was given the Admin Assistant Labrado to add legal fees for the upcoming election on the final budget. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the preliminary budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority**

There was nothing additional to report.

### **B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports**

Chief Harris informed the Board that there were two big fires last month. There was a fire in the Tahoe Keys that burned seven condo units and a house fire in the District that burnt the top story of the home. Crews did a great job on these fires. There was nothing new to report on the Cell Phone Tower. T-Mobile is authorized to spend money on additional studies. The Board packet contained a letter from the Department of Justice. Lake Valley Fire was not names on a proposed compromise letter sent to the DOJ. Our attorney is working on sending a letter regarding this matter to the DOJ. There will be a hearing on August 1, 2016.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

The Board went into closed session at 7:17 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:30 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- April 30, 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 9 for \$130,649.24, and for pay period 10 for \$121,066.24. 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 May 25, 2016 for \$31,790.47, on May 31, 2016 for \$41,603.16 and on June 6, 2016 for \$34,884.98. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approved at the meeting of July 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Bettencourt, Chair  
CHAIRPERSON

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John Rice  
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes