

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
July 14, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on June 14, 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, Bettencourt, Rice, Rossi and Herback. Also present were Chief Michael and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Rossi and seconded by Director Herback to approve the agenda of July 14, 2016 with a correction to Item 9 section C. The item should say TRPA Submittal Fees. 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 June 14, 2016. Director Rossi recused himself from the vote. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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

10. D T-Mobile Cell Site

Karen Leinart, with T-Mobile, was present at the meeting to answer any questions and open dialogue with the District. She had previously provided a study on health concerns and wanted to see if there were any additional concerns. The health study indicated that sleeping quarters were located over 300 feet from the tower site and that EMF exposure was immeasurable or less than 1% of the standard set by OSHA.

Additionally, she provided an update on the site stating that they are still waiting for plan approval from TRPA and El Dorado County. She anticipates that a hearing will be held within 60 days. El Dorado County requested that the site shelter be redesigned to match the station. This is currently taking place. Neighbors have yet to be notified. TRPA will notify all neighbors within 300 feet from the site and El Dorado County will notify all neighbors within 500 feet of the site. The District is requesting that T-Mobile notify neighbors and hold a meeting at the station to address any concerns. Ms. Leinart agreed to this and will try and have this completed by the next Board Meeting. The Association had concerns with the neighbor's feelings, property values, public safety and their own feelings on the matter. They indicated that being a public agency we have influence over others and if public perception is negative we should not put the site on our property. Let someone else deal with the ramifications.

Questions arose as to how Lake Valley Fire was chosen as a cell tower site. Ms. Leinart indicated that the planning department encourages cell companies to partner with local agencies. They referred T-Mobile to Lake Valley. T-Mobile places towers at other fire departments, high schools, transmission towers, etc. She indicated that this is a common practice and the planning department usually likes to see a local agency receive the revenue rather than private parties. It appears that if all goes well with public hearings and permitting, ground breaking will be in the spring.

SWEARING-IN OF INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Jeffrey Michael was sworn in by Director Dave Huber

BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

A badge pinning ceremony was held for three Lake Valley personnel. Perry Quinn was promoted from Engineer to Captain. Matthew Nerdahl was promoted to Engineer from Firefighter/Paramedic. Christian Anton was pinned as an Apprentice Firefighter/Paramedic and also sworn in as Lake Valley Fire Protection District's newest member.

The meeting went in to recess at 6:15pm

The meeting resumed open session at 6:30pm

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

There was nothing new to report.

B. JPA Update

The JPA became its own employing entity on July 1, 2016. JPA Executive Director, Ryan Wagoner did an outstanding job meeting all El Dorado County requirements in a short period of time. The transition was virtually seamless. Lake Valley personnel commented on the success of the transition as well. Director Bettencourt spoke with County Board of Supervisor, Sue Novasel, about holding a workshop with all those involved in the JPA decision making to discuss the future of the JPA.

A County Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on July 19, 2016. An item on the agenda is: Discussion and contract with REMSA as backup EMS providers. Another discussion item on the agenda is pulling IFT's.

C. Classroom Discussion

Battalion Chief Poell has been working on getting the training classrooms permitted by TRPA. The fees associated with the permits are \$3588. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Herback to approve the TRPA fees in the amount of \$3588. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighters Association

The Association welcomed back Fire Chief Jeff Michael. The Association ordered an ax for Chief Harris' retirement and it was presented to him. Congratulations to Captain Perry Quinn and Engineer Matt Nerdahl on their promotions. Also, great job to Engineer Jan Bojsen-Moller and Engineer Nathan Hagenbach for passing the Captain's test. Finally, the Association would like to start a monthly series at the meetings where they introduce a different employee so that the Board can learn more about the people that make up our organization.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Zlendick introduced Doug Ferro, CalFire's new Battalion Chief. We are happy to have CalFire as our neighbors and look forward to continuing to work with them. Chief Zlendick also congratulated all the candidates that participated in the captain's testing process. It is a difficult process and everyone learned a lot. Thank you for your hard work.

Director Rice commented on the number of days we have had without injury and mentioned that we should celebrate at the 300 day mark with a BBQ or something similar.

The Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association BBQ will be held July 21, 2016, please stop by.

Chief Hekhuis gave an update on the Zoll Monitors. A Zoll rep came and gave training to all tours on the new monitors. The feedback has been positive. Lt. Tony Gasporra is the El Dorado County ePCR representative. Captain Quinn completed the ropes cache on Lover's Leap.

T-Mobile Cell Site was moved to after Communications

E. Review of Conflict-of-Interest Code

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Code without any amendments. The vote was four ayes and one no from Director Huber. The motion passed.

F. Lexipol Subscription

The Board agreed to discontinue the Lexipol Subscription.

G. Review and Approve Seven Year Mitigation Fee Act Accounting Report

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice approving Resolution 2016-3. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority

The July 11, 2016 meeting was cancelled and tentatively rescheduled for Aug 15, 2106. The purchase of a new ambulance was approved by the County and dispatch fees were approved as well. The final lease agreement and dispatch contract should be presented at the August meeting.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Jeff Michael had no formal report but thanked everyone for the warm welcome back.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

The Board went into closed session at 7:30 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:55 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- May 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 11 for \$138,648.83, and for pay period 12 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 June 27, 2016 for \$8,473.14, on July 14, 2016 for \$37,027.69 and on July 14, 2016 for \$464,832.62. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Approved at the meeting of August 11, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes