

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
August 11, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on August 11, 2016 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. There were present the following directors: Huber, Bettencourt, Rossi and Herback. Director Rice was absent. Also present were Chief Michael and Lake Valley Personnel.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Herback to approve the agenda of August 11, 2016 with an amendment to move 8C. Review and Approve T-Mobile Cell Site to before 8A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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

BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

A badge pinning ceremony was held for two new Lake Valley personnel. Chris Heng and Jonathan Coates were sworn in as Apprentice Firefighter/Paramedics.

The meeting went in to recess at **5:43 pm**
The meeting resumed open session at 6:04pm

OLD BUSINESS

C. Review and Approve T-Mobile Cell Site

Karen Leinart, with T-Mobile, was again present at the meeting. A public meeting was held last week where only a handful of neighbors attended. Two neighbors were against the tower and one was in favor of it. Captain Ron Sitton reiterated the concern voiced by the Firefighters Association. Director Bettencourt stated that the data was not there to sustain a serious threat. Ms. Leinart re-stated that the exposure to humans from their cell towers is 1% of the FCC standard, which was considered to be “immeasurable.” The Board advised that the needs of public safety outweigh any health risk presented. Director Huber asked about the lease, and was advised that the start of the lease would be at the start time of construction – which will be in the spring. The contract stands for five years, with five additional five-year terms (a total of 30 years). Only T-Mobile can curtail the contract – Lake Valley does not have that privilege. The contract has been reviewed and approved by Lake Valley’s legal counsel. The price, which was negotiated by Chief Harris, was for \$1,200 per month. Ms. Leinart advised that other carriers may opt to add on to the tower for a fee and that Lake Valley may negotiate with them for the cost of renting ground space. Director Herback stated that the District should review the plans before construction begins. Ms. Leinart stated that the footprint is approximately 30x30.

A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Huber to approve the T-Mobile cell site and contract. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

Nothing to report.

B. JPA Update

The Chief reported to the Board that the JPA should receive an “A+” for performance during its first month. The system is full of good personnel. There are still ongoing discussions with Barton and the County regarding the psych IFTs, and the Chief advised that it will probably get worse before it gets better. It is hoped, however, that all of the parties involved can come together to resolve the issues. There is also a new psych facility being built in Reno that has promise. The next meeting will be at the last part of August, where Director Bettencourt hopes to discuss the current make-up of the Board. The Chief was directed to have Ryan Wagoner present – or his report – at the next Lake Valley Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter’s Association

Captain Sitton welcomed Chief Michael back to the District. He also advised that a Type III engine and Strike Team Leader Trainee is on the fire in Coalinga. Lastly, Captain Chuck Malone and wife Lisa gave birth to a boy – Carter Ray – on August 9, 2016.

B. Battalion Chief

Chief Zlendick presented his report to the Board. He advised that Engine 5 will be going to the Gatsby Festival this week. The District has been extremely busy with calls, and testing promotions is forthcoming. The Paramedics are taking their bi-annual update classes, and several personnel attended a local Captain’s Academy. Chief Hekhuis and Chief Poell’s reports were also presented. The Board wished Chief Poell well in his future endeavors.

Director Bettencourt also announced that Director Herback will be resigning from the Board as soon as a replacement is found. He thanked Director Herback for his 13 years of service and dedication to the fiscal affairs of the District.

C. Designation of Applicant’s Agent Resolution – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Director Rossi made a motion to approve the Designation of Applicant’s Agent Resolution – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program and Director Huber seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2016-5 CalFire Grant

Director Herback made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-5 CalFire Grant and Director Huber seconded it. 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 Jeff Michael presented his report.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Chief Michael advised the Board that the final numbers from the County had not been received yet. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to approve the District payroll for pay period 13 for \$150,121.47, for pay period 14 for \$156,187.33, and for pay period 15 for \$132,655.85. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Bettencourt and seconded by Director Herback to approve the bills paid on July 25, 2016 for \$3,831.82, on July 25, 2016 for \$25,522.14, on August 2, 2016 for \$75,362.52, on August 11, 2016 for \$35,616.43, and on July 20, 2016 for \$51,117.40 (FEMA Roof Replacement Program). The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

The Board went into closed session at 7:18 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:55 pm. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Approved at the meeting of September 8, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes