

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

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

AGENDA

Item 8D was moved to after Item 5. A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of April 14, 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 March 10, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 10, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8D. 2014-2015 Draft Audit

Auditor John Goodell was present to review the draft copy of the 2014-2015 fiscal year audit. He answered questions of Board members and let them know that the firm discovered no reportable findings. A motion was made by Director Herback and seconded by Director Rice to approve the June 30, 2015 Draft Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications received and let personnel know that they are doing a good job. They congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Nerdahl for his appointment to Field Training Officer.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program

All homeowners with roofs completed have received their rebates. Teri Tucker is working diligently with the remaining homeowners to get their roofs completed and their paperwork turned in.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation and Recognition of Joe McAvoy for 30 years of Service

The Board of Directors recognized Joe McAvoy for 30 years of Service with a proclamation and a plaque. They thanked him for his dedication and service. Capt. McAvoy informed the Board he would be having a retirement party on May 13, 2016 at the American Legion.

The meeting went into recess at 6:10pm.

The meeting went back into session at 6:35pm.

B. Firefighters Association

Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Nerdahl thanked Admin Assistant, Kileigh Labrado for sponsoring the first annual Lake Valley Easter Egg Hunt. He also thanked Firefighter/Paramedic Dusty LaChapelle for putting together the 54th Annual Firefighters Ball. It was a wonderful event.

C. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Hekhuis informed the Board that Firefighter/Paramedic testing will be held the week of April 18, 2016. The Career Development Plan will be discussed at the May Board meeting to allow the Union time to review the job descriptions. There were high numbers of vacancies and overtime this past month due to flu season hitting the department. Finally, the System Status Management Plan has been redone and is at the County for approval.

Chief Zlendick purchased a radon detector on behalf of the Department and also had an independent radon test conducted. There are areas of Station 7 that have radon reading of 16pci/l, four times the OSHA accepted limit. We have received one bid for mitigation and are awaiting a second bid. The Chief and the Board agreed that this issue needs to be mitigated.

We are in the process of working to obtain permits to finish the classrooms. Chief Poell is working to compile what needs to be done and how much it will cost.

A third party independent RF engineering company has been hired to determine if any health risks are associated with placing a T-Mobile cell tower on District property. Several employees have expressed concern over health risks. Board action will be needed to approve the site.

Lake Valley is looking at a SAFER grant for funding the volunteer program or possibly partnering with Eastern Alpine for turnouts, as they have grant money available. Captain Chuck Malone is spearheading this program.

E. Resolution 2016-01 Declaring an Election be Held in its Jurisdiction Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rossi to approve Resolution 2016-01 Declaring an Election be Held in its Jurisdiction Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Career Development Program

Item F was tabled until the May Board meeting.

G. Mold and Radon Mitigation

A mold test was conducted in Station 7 due to some health complaints. It was determined that the Station contains some non-toxic mold and remedies to mitigate the mold were presented. Once the weather dries up these fixes will be implemented and the issue eradicated.

A radon test was conducted as well. Results came out 4 x's the acceptable limits. We received one bid and are awaiting others. The Board agreed to mitigate the problem.

REPORTS

A. California Tahoe Emergency Services Operations Authority

The JPA Board met on April 11, 2016 and the outcome was no different than months ago. The City still wants to become a non-transporting member of the JPA and turn all ambulance services over to Lake Valley. Lake Valley is still interested in taking over the services but will need additional financing to do so. El Dorado County wants written assurance from the JPA that ambulance services will continue as normal through the length of the contract.

The City provided the JPA Board with a proposal outlining an exit strategy. Their plan is to transfer all of their ambulance employees and funds from the County over to the JPA, and have the JPA become an employing entity. The JPA Board did not vote on this proposal and are looking in to whether or not it is a feasible solution.

The County is looking into setting up emergency contract contingencies and the Board of Supervisors authorized an attorney to be hired to sue the JPA and City of South Lake Tahoe if need be.

There was direction from the Board to have Chief Harris write a letter to the City stating that that in order for Lake Valley to take over ambulance services additional funds, in the amount of \$550,000 would be needed along with dispatching fees to remain the same and free rent at Station 2.

B. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Harris informed the Board that he extended a conditional Apprentice Firefighter/Medic job offer to Christian Anton. The offer was accepted and he should start work mid-May.

Chief Harris also discussed with the Board that it was recently discovered that we are no longer ERAF exempt. In 1990 we annexed in a portion of Alpine County to ensure we would not have to pay ERAF. However, in 1993 the laws changed and a jurisdiction can only be ERAF exempt if they were a multicounty agency in 1979.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

The Board went into closed session at 8:15 pm. The Board resumed open session at 9:45 pm. No reportable action was taken.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Direction was given from the Board to include an additional line under permanent employees to showing how much the JPA pays towards permanent employees

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Herbcaek to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2015- February 29, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the District payroll for pay period 5 for \$135,870.45, and for pay period 6 for \$128,314.82. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the bills paid on March 28, 2016 for \$26,640.88, on April 11, 2016 for \$40,631.22, and on March 29, 2016 for the FEMA Hazardous Wood Roof Replacement Program in the amount of \$45,093.60. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Approved at the meeting of May 12, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes