

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY**

June 13, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on June 13, 2019 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Moore, Rice, Allen and Hogan. Chief Alameda along with Lake Valley personnel was present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of June 13, 2019 with the following changes: strike item 8H. Renewal of FAIRA Insurance, move items 8A and 8B to after public comment, move item 7B after years of service and Item 8C to after to after 7B . The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

BADGE PINNING CEREMONY/YEARS OF SERVICE

Corey Cordray was appointed to the position of Firefighter I. Additionally; Captain Perry Quinn thanked Teri Tucker, Charles Malone, Jan Bojsen-Moller, Ted Jackson, Ron Sitton and Martin Goldberg for their dedicated years of service to the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Cordray thanked everyone for welcoming and taking care of his son.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Bettencourt commented on the hardworking individuals working for the District and thanked them for all that they do. He also thanked the Golden Bear neighborhood for hosting an evacuation drill and creating such a buzz in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

JPA Executive Director, Ryan Wagoner updated the Board on the status of current negotiations. There was an ad hoc meeting today to review dates, the dispatch contract is also being reviewed today and a draft JPA contract has been sent to legal for review. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors had the contract listed for approval at their July 25th meeting.

B. Measure Update

SCI Consulting was present to review the feasibility study that was conducted in May. Of the 8,000 surveys that were sent out, there were 1,249 surveys returned. Property owners were in support of an increased tax rate. However, the survey results did not meet the 66% need for a special tax and it was SCI's recommendation that a benefit assessment would be the Districts best chance of passing a measure. The rate of \$75.00 was discussed by the Board for the benefit assessment without including a CPI escalator. A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to move forward with the Measure in the fall with a rate of \$75.00 with no CPI for a single family home and to keep the remaining rates as written for businesses and vacant parcels. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Road Closure Update

Supervisor Sue Novasel will be hosting a community meeting on June 18, 2019 to discuss hard closures off of North Upper Truckee and Hwy 50 on Sundays and holidays.

D. Cell Tower Update

Chief Alameda contracted Vertical Bridge, the owner of the cell tower, and was informed that there will not be increase compensation to the District as more

carriers are added to the tower. After consulting with the District's attorney, he stated that it would be difficult to get any additional money under the contract. Also, Vertical Bridge does not have to advise the District if they plan to put 5G technology on the tower. However, the likelihood of them doing so is small due to the additional poles they would need to transmit 5G technology and the permitting process of those poles from the TRPA. The health effects of 5G technology are still being researched.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Approval of the 2017-18 Audit

Auditor Zach Pehling was present to present the 2017-18 audit to the Board. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the 2017-18 audit. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2019-02. A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Establishing Appropriation Limits for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2019-02. A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Establishing Appropriation Limits for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The motion passed unanimously.

E. RFP Award Airport East Project

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Allen to authorize the Fire Chief to approve CTL for the Airport East Project. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Allen to approve the 2019-2020 preliminary budget. The motion passed unanimously.

G. NCS DIA Renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Moore to renew NCS DIA as the District's carrier for workers compensation insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

H. FAIRA Renewal

This item was removed from the agenda.

I. Approval of Drew Consulting Contracts for 2019-2020 FY

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the Controller Contract for \$25,000, the BLM PTEIR Contract for \$20,000, FEMA 4301 2019 Contract for \$5,000 and the FEMA 4301 2020 Contract for \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Alameda informed the Board that the USFS will not be reimbursing strike teams under the CFAA rates. LVFPD cannot send resources to federal fires if we will not be reimbursed.

AB 1700, IGT funding for ambulances is being discussed. The bill says that the whole amount of the ambulance fee can be collected. This could mean additional money for ambulance billing. Staff will continue to research this.

The Alpine County Fire Safe Council is holding a town hall meeting to discuss evacuation drills. They are interested in learning what Lake Valley Fire has done with the Golden Bear neighborhood.

July 2, 2019 there will be a meeting with the Department of Homeland Security to explore a Lake Tahoe regional dispatch funded through federal money.

Firefighter II/Paramedic Wade Corbett had a baby boy. Congratulations Wade.

Constituent Jesse Gardner will be hosting a BBQ on June 14th from 11am-2pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Zlendick thanked the Golden Bear neighborhood and everyone who participated from making the evacuation drill a success.

Chief Zlendick has found an architect for help develop a facilities plan for the future.

Additionally, prevention has been busy with school programs, presentations of summer fire prevention, and discussions with school authorities on hardening of the schools in the event of a shelter in place emergency. The FAC grant work for the District will be done by Tahoe Douglas FPD and North Tahoe FPD. Teri Tucker is helping with the transitions. The FEMA paving grant will be extended to next year. Finally, El Dorado County has developed a Wildfire Resiliency Plan that will need to be reviewed.

Chief Stephen stated that cost recovery through Wittman is up and running. Three month of invoices have been submitted.

Chief Pevenage said that we are ramping up for summer.

C. Firefighter's Association

Captain Luke Anderson welcomed Corey Cordray to the District. He stated that crews were busy training and gearing up for the season. He said that they are looking forward to working with the Board on the measure and would like to suspend any negotiations until after the measure. Director Bettencourt and Hogan commended Local #4409 for that, but stated that negotiations did not need to be put off. They also indicated that there would need to be clarity regarding the MOU if it was not updated.

The Foundation voted to donate \$500 to Phillips House that burnt down. There is a GoFund Account and crews helped to clean up the property.

Fleet Manager Andrew Sessions gave the Board a status update on the fleet.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2018 – May 30, 2019). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the District payroll for pay period 8 for \$133,261.01, for pay period 9 for \$132,879.04, for pay period 10 for \$124,940.71 and for pay period 11 for 124,594.75. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Rice to approve the bills paid May 23, 2019 for \$94,277.55 and June 5, 2019 for \$82,742.75. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 7:20 pm. The Board resumed open session at 8:28 pm. The Board gave direction to the Battalion Chief's bargaining unit and the Local #4409 to provide side letters requesting the District defer the MOU based pay increase that was to occur in pay period 1 of 2019, if in fact, that was the desire of each unit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Approved at the meeting of July 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Bettencourt
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes