

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
November 14, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on November 14, 2019 at the Meyers Firehouse, Meyers, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Moore, Allen and Rice. Director Hogan was absent. Chief Alameda along with Lake Valley personnel was present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Moore and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of November 14, 2019. 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 October 9, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 21, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Garner thanked the Board for helping him to get a response from the City of South Lake Tahoe in regards to the vacant lot by his home. Additionally, he thanked the Board for publishing information in the paper on the upcoming tax measure.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Moore congratulated the crews on the great comments received and for the good job that they do.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

Executive Director Ryan Wagoner is having discussions with the City Manager regarding housing for the ambulances. They are working on alternate sites. El Dorado County has sent the new ambulance RFP to legal for review.

B. Measure Update

Director Bettencourt signed an argument in support of for the upcoming measure and it was submitted to El Dorado County. The next step is to wait and see if any party puts out an argument against the measure. The measure will be called Measure B and will be on the March ballot. The measure committee will meet in the near future to discuss a marketing plan and begin the process of educating the public on the measure.

C. Homeowners Insurance Update

Homeowners in the District are losing insurance, having difficulty finding coverage or are seeing a huge increase in the cost of insurance. Insurance companies are not cancelling policies; they are just not renewing them. Insurance is a global market and each event affects the insurance costs. Currently the District has an ISO rating of 2 and passing the tax measure will help to keep that rating. El Dorado County is working with the Insurance Commissioner and an assembly bill is in the works. Also, Supervisor Novasel is trying to help with this issue. Director Allen asked if we could ask her to attend our next meeting to address the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2019-08 Adopting Findings Supporting Amendments to the 2019 California Fire Code

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Allen to approve Resolution 2019-08 adopting findings supporting amendments to the 2019 California Fire Code. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 2019-01 First Reading for the Adoption of the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code

A public hearing was opened. Discussion regarding the changes to the California building standards code was had. There was additional discussion about having the fire districts take back sprinkler inspections. The public hearing was closed.

C. Resolution 2019-09 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District Approving the Sixth Joint Powers Agreement of the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority and the Updated Liabilities Risk Coverage Agreement

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Moore to approve Resolution 2019-09. The motion passed unanimously.

D. El Dorado County's New Defensible Space Ordinance

The District currently performs defensible space inspections and chipping for constituents. The ordinance came into play more for the west slope residents with large amounts of brush and grass that need to be cleared. The County does not have anyone to enforce the ordinance at this time. We will continue to move forward with what we are currently doing. Director Allen wanted to know if we were completing defensible space inspections on VHR's. Chief Alameda said it is not a requirement of the VHR inspection but crews will continue to educate homeowners on defensible space.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Chief's Report

Chief Alameda informed the Board that the SCBA grant was denied and that we are working on a finance option to purchase the necessary equipment.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Chief Stephen updated the Board on VHR inspections. He stated that "Teri Tucker is doing an awesome job and he can't imagine doing her part over here". There were 44 inspections last month and 24 this month. Director Allen informed us that there are an additional 800 unpermitted VHR's in the District and that the number of inspections could increase. Chief Stephen said that we may need to look at additional help if that were to occur.

Chief Zlendick stated that Brush7 was sent to the Kincade Fire. Chief Pevenage went as a strike team leader and Chief Stephen went as a trainee.

Chief Pevenage said that call volume is down, a new security system is being installed and everyone is health and well.

C. Firefighter's Association

Matt Nerdahl handed out honor guard challenge coins to the Board. He stated that negotiations were moving forward. He also stated that the Union would like to help in anyway in the selection process for a new fire chief. Joey McAvoy was present to speak with the Board if they had any questions regarding the cafeteria plan that was established years ago. Director Bettencourt asked about a Christmas Party. Nerdahl stated that he was working on it.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Moore to approve the District year to date income and expense report from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Moore to approve the District payroll for pay period 20 for \$154,795.07, and for pay period 21 for \$159,116.59. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Director Allen and seconded by Director Moore to approve the bills paid October 24, 2019 for \$74,563.35 and for November 6, 2019 for \$130,014.02. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 5:30 pm. The Board resumed open session at 6:00 pm. There was direction given to provide the apprentices with health insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Approved at the meeting of December 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Bettencourt
CHAIRPERSON

Leona Allen
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes