

**Lower Valley Fire Protection District**  
**Special Session Meeting – October 8, 2024**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Special Session Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Board President **Cullen Purser** at 1808. Advance notice of the meeting was provided. The role call was taken, the following directors were present: **Cullen Purser, Mark Bonella, Jeff Phillips, Jesse Mease, and Cliff Gray**. Others in attendance: **Interim Chief Matt Katzenberger, Derek Campbell, Gary Mulkey, Anthony Padilla, Thomas Creel, Stacie Dix, Beau Schmalz, Kaden Fife, Ben Gardner, Travis Holder, and Tim Struble**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Cullen Purser** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

None.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**DISCUSSION**

**Cullen Purser** stated the purpose of this special session is being held with the intention of selecting and voting for a new fire chief for the LVFD.

**Mark Bonella** motioned to enter Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f). The **motion** was seconded by **Jesse Mease**. The **motion** was passed with 5 votes. The Executive Session commenced at 1810.

Board members entered back into the open meeting at 1838. **Cullen Purser** announced that a decision for the new fire chief has been made.

**Mark Bonella** motioned to promote **Matt Katzenberger** to Fire Chief. The **motion** was seconded by **Jeff Phillips**. The **motion** was passed with 5 votes.

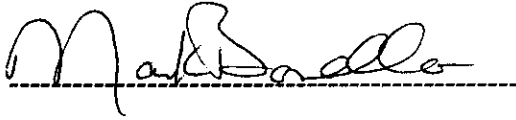
**Matt Katzenberger** accepted the position and was welcomed by the board. **Cullen Purser** announced that he and **Jeff Phillips** will be meeting with **Chief Katzenberger** to discuss salary and expectations. **Mark Bonella** stated that the decision was unanimous across the field in favor of **Matt Katzenberger** for Chief of LVFD - from the KRW hiring firm, the current staff and crew, and the Board of Directors.

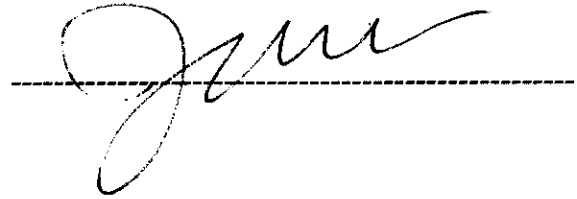
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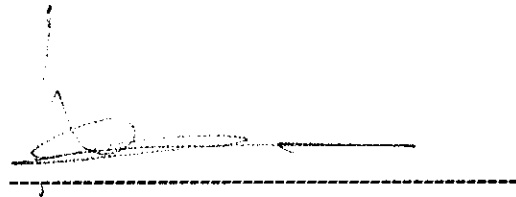
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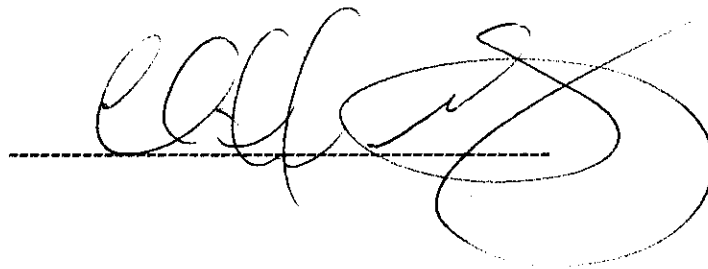
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Cullen Purser** made a **motion** to adjourn. All in favor with 5 votes.

  
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