

Lower Valley Fire District

June 13th, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Cullen Purser after prior notice of the meeting was given. The role call was taken, and the following directors were present, Mark Bonella, Jeff Phillips, Cliff Gray and Jesse Mease. Others present were Chief Cavaliere, Deputy Chief Katzenberger, Adam Compton, Thomas Creel, John Dawson, Kaden Fife, Ben Gardner, Beau Schmalz, Troy Seal, Bette Burnett, and Diana Manzanares.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bette Burnett led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Jesse Mease motioned to accept the board minutes from 05/11/2024. Motion was seconded by **Jeff Phillips**. The **motion** was passed with 5 votes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Diana stated that we have \$86,849.85 for our Expense Summary Report from May 7th, 2024, thru June 10th, 2024.

Motion was made by Mark Bonella to accept the bills. Cliff Gray seconded the motion and passed with 5 yes votes.

Resolution 04/2024 -Write-offs

Mark Bonella motioned to accept the write-offs in the amount of \$67,180.99 for May 2024.

Jesse Mease seconded the motion. **The motion** was passed with 5 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Diana wanted the board to know that a wire transfer of \$900,000.00 was done and it did include the back fill and Mesa County Statement of collections.

The total balance in our bank account including cash on hand is \$3,581,208.13.

The interest for the month of May is \$17,069.48 and our TYD from Jan -May is

\$69,849.52 Mesa County Statement of collections came out to be \$737,990.96.

which is \$366,044.80 for the backfill and the \$371,946.16 for the MC Statement of Collection.

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She did email all board members a copy of the Wire Transfer Agreement that she will explain in more detail after the meeting.

Cliff Gray made a motion to accept the **Financial Statement**.

Jeff Phillips seconded the motion. The **Motion** passed with 5 votes.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Nothing to Report

ADMINISTRATIVE RPORT

Nothing to report.

CHIEF REPORT

Chief Cavaliere wanted the board to know that we have had the Billing Specialist position interviews (Bette's Job) and we have decided who will take that position and will be starting 07/08/2024.

Friday the 14th is the closing date for full time application submittal.

We are at our 5-year interval for our ISO review and although we haven't been contacted yet, we are updating the necessary documents that will be reviewed.

Ryan McCauly (Deputy District Chief) with DFPC will be using the vacant front office when he is in the area. His office is in Rifle, but he operates a lot in Mesa County.

July Connectedness event will be the annual BBQ with date and time TBA.

Chief Cavaliere stated that July 26th, 2024 will be his last day as he is retiring.

Mark Bonella wants an Execution Session asap.

Jesse Mease would like to know if Deputy Chief Katzenberger would be interested in the interim chief position. He asked if Deputy Chief Katzenberger would let the board know before the Executive Session.

Executive session will be 06/20/2024 @ 6:00pm.

Frank will help as much as he can with the transition.

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Officers

The crews are very happy with the boat. Money well spent.
Country Jam is coming up.
The crews are doing hose testing this week also.

Union #5625

They will be having a 2nd annual Pancake breakfast in August. They will be sponsoring the Fruita Monument High School Football, Golf tournament.

Just a FYI – July 3rd fireworks -we will have a boat on the water and a brush truck at the State Park with BLM and the Sheriff's office lending a hand at Snooks Bottom.

Travis has been at the First Farmer Market with the Fire Prevention Education. He is on the schedule for more to come.

Sam McCluskey, who was our medical director at County Jam is not going to have a contract this year with them.

So, we will extend the contract by using APP 2 or above to provide the same kind of service in the amount of \$36,950.00 which is \$4,000.00 more.

Sam has done it for 28 years and she is not interested in doing it anymore.

New Business-

Volunteer Plan Affiliation Agreement -

This is just to let the board know that we LVFD and the FPPA have an agreement and it goes in to effect 06/13/2024. This is just for your information and no motion needs to be made.

Resolution 06/13/2024 (a) Budget Amendment.

Matt stated that we do need a motion to approve this resolution.

Mark Bonella motioned that now, therefore, it be resolved by the board of directors of the Lower valley Fire Protection District adopting this resolution.

Whereas, as the Board of directors of Lower Valley Fire Protection District have resolved to accept this budget adoption per Special District §29-1-109(2) C.R.S. for spending of additional funds in the amount of \$366,044.80 as in the amended operating budget. These funds will be appropriated for wage increases and capital reserves. These additional funds were received as a result of SB-23-238 and SB 23B -001.

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Cliff Gray seconded the motion and passed with 5 yes votes.

Old Business

Mark wanted to know where Travis is at in his certifications. He is using Franks certifications at this time, and he should be a Fire Inspector 1, 2 and 3. He is not any of them, but he has tested and failed it, but he will be retesting and should be up to speed in 3 months.

Adjournment

Cullen made a motion to adjourn. All in favor 5 yes votes.






