

# LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

December 15, 2021

Located at Lake County Volunteer Firefighter's Assn building  
14815 Olympic Drive  
Clearlake, CA 95422

Director Loustalot called the meeting to order at 1601 hours.

Directors present: Director Fults, Director Loustalot, Director Moore, Director Watson (via GoToMeetings).

Employees present: Fire Chief Sapeta, Financial Analyst Rivas, Finance Assistant Franklin, Fire Marshal Smith.

Others present: None.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**A moment of silence for our brother and sister fallen firefighters.**

### **Special Agenda Items:**

- Citizen's input – None.

### **Consent Items:**

- Director Fults made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 regular meeting and to approve the warrant register and pay the bills for November 2021.  
Director Moore seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 3

### **Chief's Report:**

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on recent calls for service which have increased. The District has been maintaining a high volume of calls.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that Chief Porter of CalFire is going to be retiring.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the Fire Chiefs Association has been working on a partnership with REACH. REACH 80 will coming to Lampson airfield in April 2022. It will be primarily used for medical purposes, but in the future might have bucket drop capabilities.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the ambulance agreement for IFTs. The Fire Chiefs have agreed to a possible mutual aid agreement with Global Medical Resources (GMR). An ambulance from Eureka would come to support IFTs within the County.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the Northshore Fire fuel reduction project. Chief Ciancio promoted one of his employees to a Fire Captain for the fuel reduction crew. Chief Ciancio hopes to

employ 10 people for a type 1 or type 2 hand crew. They have been burning behind Tractor Supply and will be coordinating to burn about 11 acres east of Boyles Ave.

- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that with the new microgrid, the inner parts of Clearlake should no longer be affected by PG&E PSPS events.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he and Engineer Shields will be flying to South Dakota next month to look at the new water tender.

#### **Fire Marshal's Report:**

- Fire Marshal Smith reported that a local business was operating without a permit. They were asked to cease operations until the proper permits were submitted.
- Fire Marshal Smith reported that Tribal Health was scheduled for a communications test but it was cancelled until next month.
- Fire Marshal Smith reported that the Konocti Gardens apartment complex recently submitted fire alarm plans that are being reviewed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Fire Marshal Smith reported that the project on Burns Valley Rd will be broken up into 2 phases. Phase 1 consists of constructing an infrastructure to provide utilities for 4 baseball fields, a soccer field, a City of Clearlake maintenance building and a coffee shop. Phase 2 would consist of building an 80-unit apartment complex and an administrative building.

#### **Chaplain's Report:**

- None.

#### **Volunteer Association Input and Comments:**

- None.

#### **Employee Input and Comments:**

- None.

#### **Communications:**

- None.

#### **AD HOC Committee Reports:**

- None.

#### **Regular Agenda Items:**

- Director Watson made a motion to consider and approve to waive the formal bidding process, pursuant to the Lake County Fire Protection District Lexipol Policy 214.6 due to a state of emergency and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into any necessary contract for the Station 70 HVAC system and provide a full report back to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.  
Director Fults seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 3

- Director Watson made a motion to keep the current Board Chairperson and Board Vice-Chairperson the same for the upcoming year.  
Director Moore seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 3
- Director Moore made a motion to consider and approve the 2022 Board meeting calendar.  
Director Fults seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 3

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Good of the Order:**

- Director Fults donated \$5.00 from each sale of his wine called Wildfire. He presented a \$3,700.00 donation to the Lake County Volunteer Firefighters Association.
- Director Watson commented on how well Fire Chief Sapeta represented the District at the Judge's Breakfast in November.
- Director Watson mentioned that she went to the Volunteer Association meeting, and they are short on personnel. They are working on a fundraiser that is like a catfish derby. When they have the details sorted out, she hopes we can support them.
- Director Moore thanked the District for the Director nameplates.

**Adjournment:**

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1626 hours.

**Attest:**

  
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Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board