

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

July 28, 2021

Located at Lake County Volunteer Firefighter's Assn building
14815 Olympic Drive
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Vice-Chairperson Loustalot called the meeting to order at 1601 hours.

Directors present: Director Fults, Director Loustalot, Director Moore, Director Watson, Chairperson Snyder.

Employees present: Fire Chief Sapeta, Fire Marshal Smith, Financial Analyst Rivas, Finance Assistant Franklin, Captain Hill, EMT Perry, Firefighter Fujikawa, Firefighter Handa, Paramedic Sarris, EMT Lancaster, Firefighter Felter.

Others present: Bruno Sabatier, Volunteer Firefighter Perry, Katelyn LaBrash.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Special Agenda Items:

- Citizen's input – None.

Consent Items:

- Director Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 workshop.
Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
- Director Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2021 regular meeting.
Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
- Director Watson made a motion to approve the warrant register and pay the bills for June 2021.
Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2

Chief's Report:

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the recent calls for service, which have been increasing. Fire Season has kicked off with critical levels not usually seen until September. The Fire Chiefs collectively decided they aren't going to participate in outside mutual aid due to staffing patterns and limited resources.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on fuel moisture levels, which are increasingly getting worse every day.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on COVID-19. He has been seeing an increase in tests and positivity rates. The District has kept with the original COVID prevention plan. There is a minimum of 5 days for the incubation period so it is important that when someone is sick that they get tested.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the LCFCA meeting. They talked about Zonehaven, where every part of the County is a different zone. There are about 175 different zones within the District. The campaign phrase is "Know Your Zone." Director Watson was concerned that if someone else was commanding an incident here and didn't know our zones, that it would cause chaos. Fire Chief Sapeta explained that they can use a tablet and a manual form of the map. The Sheriff's office would also be involved with any evacuations.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that during the LCFCA meeting they discussed Middletown and Lakeport's new microgrid. During a PSPS they won't have outages to critical infrastructures.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the new Engine 7021 and Chief's unit should be in service soon.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the current recruiting status. Jafet Negrete, who is a Santa Rosa JC Firefighter graduate, will be doing a year long internship with the District. The District will be paying Jafet approximately \$500.00 a month during his internship.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that Operation Get Ready is cancelled for the rest of the season.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the IFT/Priority One program. He is working on the final agreement and reviewing the AMR contracts.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the Goat Mountain project has come to a halt due to the fire season.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the 4th of July Op Plan went very well. They were able to deploy the ATV. They may do the same for the concerts in the park.
- Director Moore pointed out that there was a fire by Borax, and A shift was on it. They were dumping water within 7 minutes of time of dispatch.
- Director Moore questioned what the black poles with the solar on top were. Fire Chief Sapeta replied that they are cameras to identify stolen vehicles.

Fire Marshal's Report:

- Fire Marshal Smith provided an update on Lower Lake High School. The new fire alarm systems are almost complete. The Department of State Architect currently owns that project. A preliminary acceptance test will be conducted prior to summer school starting. High Valley Alarm Company will continue to update him on the progress.
- Fire Marshal Smith reported that the Konocti Gardens plans are undergoing review. He has received notes of discrepancies back from the 3rd party reviewer. The design team will resubmit the plans after the corrections are made.

Chaplain's Report:

- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that Chaplain Graveson's wife is going to repaint and restore the Fireman's Prayer on fallen firefighter Mike Mattioda's grave site.

Volunteer Association Input and Comments:

- None.

Employee Input and Comments:

- None.

Communications:

- Director Watson read the Lake County Office of Education Letter of Appreciation.

AD HOC Committee Reports:

- Staff Turnover Analysis – Director Loustalot has nothing to report.
- Safety MOU Amendment – Dissolved.
- 2021/2022 Budget Committee – Director Watson has nothing to report.

Regular Agenda Items:

- Vice-Chairperson Loustalot delivered the Oath of Office to EMT Perry. Fire Chief Sapeta preformed the Badge pinning.
- Vice-Chairperson Loustalot delivered the Oath of Office to EMT Lancaster. Captain Hill preformed the Badge pinning.
- Director Watson made a motion to consider and approve to add Fire Chief Sapeta as a signer on the Redwood Credit Union Ambulance Revenue account.
Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
- Director Watson made a motion to consider and adopt Resolution No. 21-0701 Making Findings and Determinations Pertaining to the Application for Industrial Disability Retirement for Gail Franklin.
Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fults, Loustalot, Moore, Watson, Snyder
Noes: None
Absent: Ballard, Dean
Abstain: None
- Director Fults made a motion to create a workshop before the August meeting to discuss amendments to the Lake County Board of Directors Policy and Procedures Manuel.
Director Watson seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Financial Analyst Rivas gave a presentation on CalPERS unfunded liability. Financial Analyst Rivas discussed a few options on how to deal with the deficit the District faces with CalPERS.
- Director Fults questioned how the District got in this situation. Financial Analyst Rivas explained that because of the economic downturn in 2008 and other factors, many Districts across the state are in the same situation.
- Director Watson would like some more understanding so they can create a pension policy. She would like to look at the pros and cons about the policies that may be out there.

Good of the Order:

- Director Watson would like to thank the crews for their excellent work.
- Director Fults discussed Blue Zones and the health of the County.

Adjournment:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1706 hours.

Attest:



Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board