

# LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

June 28, 2023

Lake County Fire Station 70 Dayroom

14815 Olympic Drive

Clearlake, CA 95422

Vice-Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 1600 hours.

Directors present: Director Benson, Director Dean, Director Moore, Director Scovel, Director Watson.

Employees present: Financial Analyst Rivas, Finance Assistant Franklin, Battalion Chief Hill, Fire Chief Sapeta  
Firefighter Isom, Firefighter Mendoza.

Others present: None.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Board Director Requests for Teleconferencing:**

- None.

### **Special Agenda Items:**

- Citizen's input – None.

### **Consent Items:**

- Director Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2023 regular meeting.  
Director Moore seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 2
- Director Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2023 special meeting.  
Director Dean 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 May 2023.  
Director Benson seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 2

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

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on recent calls for service. The District had a few small fires on Sonoma, Green, Memory Lane and Bowers. There were lots of resources coming in as mutual aid but were cancelled quickly.

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the LCFCA meeting. The County's EMS RFP is on hold until further notice. The Fire Chiefs are hoping the County will take into account what they have done with AP Triton, which is their own consultant.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that LCFCA continues to meet with Adventist Health Clearlake and Sutter Lakeside Health to address current and future IFTs and Priority Ones. Fire Chief Sapeta, Bruno Sabatier and the hospitals will meet in the next few weeks to look at a public/private partnership model.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he had a meeting with Woodland and Mendocino colleges to develop an EMS pathway for community members and high school students. The hope is to have an EMT class at Lower Lake High School and Clearlake High School in Lakeport by the spring of 2024. There needs to be a minimum of 12 kids enrolled. The goal is to have conditional job offers once the program is completed.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the Lake County Cannabis Task Force. LCFCA continues to work on a resolution for ag exempt and temporary buildings for cannabis operations. They will be issuing annual operational permits and enforcing the removal of temporary buildings at 180 days. There are approximately 240 proposed/approved cannabis projects in Lake County in various stages of progress.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the Station 65 landscaping project. Everyone involved did an amazing job.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he and Chief Ciancio will be meeting with the City of Clearlake to discuss animal care and control resources in the event of an evacuation of community members and their animals. There is no longer a large animal rescue group. They are trying to bring back large animal evacuations.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that Ronnie Boyd's procession was amazing. The District had 6 pieces of equipment at the procession. The family requested the District to host the services at the station. Fire Chief Sapeta agreed and will keep the Board informed.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he met with Lower Lake High School to discuss a modernization project. The group agreed on an option that will result in 8 classrooms and a variety of administrative offices. It will cost approximately \$14 million.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the 30-acre project behind Tractor Supply. He is working with the Northshore Fire fuel crews. They have about 20 days of work, and they hope to secure a good perimeter.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the Redbud Health District awarded \$67,000 for an advanced ALS/BLS manikin for each of the fire districts.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the EMCC will be establishing a sub-committee to review and revise the 2004 ambulance ordinance to align with his proposal for public and private partnerships. He hopes to have a kick off meeting in July 2023.

**Fire Marshal's Report:**

- The Board acknowledged the Fire Marshal's report.

**Volunteer Association Input and Comments:**

- None.

**Employee Input and Comments:**

- None.

**Communications:**

- None.

**AD HOC Committee Reports:**

- 2023/2024 Budget Committee – Director Benson had nothing to report.

**Regular Agenda Items:**

- Director Watson made a motion to consider and approve the DHCS Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Transfer of Public Funds in the amount of \$451,617 and authorize the Fire Chief to sign. Director Dean seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 2

**Old Business:**

- Director Watson made a motion to consider and adopt revisions to the Lake County Board of Director's Policy and Procedures Manual. Director Benson seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 2

**New Business:**

- Director Watson made a motion to table the discussion of Incompatibility of Office – D. Loustalot until the July meeting. Director Dean seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 2
- Discussion occurred regarding the Board of Director seats and approved staff to proceed with research to reduce the number of Board Directors.


**Good of the Order:**

- Director Dean mentioned the passing of Phil and Betsy Staehle. The Board would like a proclamation at next month's meeting.
- Director Watson thanked the Fire Chief, Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal for the great representation of the District at the Judges Breakfast.

**Adjournment:**

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1637 hours.

**Attest:**

  
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Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board

