

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

May 26, 2021

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

Director Loustalot called the meeting to order at 1600 hours.

Directors present: Director Ballard, Director Dean, Director Loustalot, Director Moore, Director Watson.

Employees present: Fire Chief Sapeta, Fire Marshal Smith, Financial Analyst Rivas, Finance Assistant Franklin, Engineer Shields, Engineer Pindell, Firefighter Fujikawa, EMT Lai.

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 Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2021 regular meeting. Director Moore 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 April 2021. Director Ballard 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. The District is almost fully staffed.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on COVID-19. Less people are wanting vaccines. Restrictions will be lifting some on June 15th.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the LCFCA meeting. They have been coordinating for fire season. The new Black Hawk will be positioned on Boggs in July.
- Fire Chief Sapeta stated that Engineer Shields will be updating on the new Engine.

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the current recruiting status. Jafete Negrete just finished fire academy and will do a year-long internship with the District.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the fuel reduction projects for the areas around Safeway, Walmart, the Chatman tract, and Dam Road. They are working here and there to create a good defensible space. They are getting ready for the new sports fields.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the IFT/Priority One program. He and Engineer Pindell drafted up a letter regarding Priority One, but it's still proving to be a challenge.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on Station 65. The repairs to the garage door are finished, and they repainted the curbs. Everything looks good.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on Goat Mountain. They are still trying to sort out the lease agreement with the Sheriff. They are looking to possibly get the vault up there mid-July pending no fires.

Fire Marshal's Report:

- Fire Marshal Smith provided an update on the vegetation abatement program. He met with the City of Clearlake Code Enforcement. The District will focus on homes first, then vacant lots. New inspections are slowing down because second inspections are starting.
- Fire Marshal Smith reported that he has been in contact with the Cannabis Task Force. The 50-acre fire on Chimney Rock will be investigated by the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Code Enforcement. While on the fire, he noticed unpermitted hoop houses with electrical violations. Illegal cannabis operations are being investigated county-wide.

Chaplain's Report:

- None.

Volunteer Association Input and Comments:

- Engineer Shields reported that the Association is back to normal meetings and trainings. They have 2 new members and have started red card requirements.

Employee Input and Comments:

- Engineer Shields reported that he picked up the new type 1 engine today.

Communications:

- None.

AD HOC Committee Reports:

- Staff Turnover Analysis – Financial Analyst Rivas reported that CPS Consulting reached out and were hired by Arcata Fire for a compensation comparison. The District was selected as 1 of 10 comparable districts, and will have access to the report once it's complete.
- Safety MOU Amendment – Director Watson reported that she is still waiting for the Union. They had a recent change in officers.
- 2021/2022 Budget Committee – None.

Regular Agenda Items:

- Director Watson made a motion to consider and adopt Resolution #21-0501 Establishing the 2021-2022 Prop 4 Appropriations Limit.
Director Ballard seconded the motion.
Motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Ballard, Dean, Loustalot, Moore, Watson
Noes: None
Absent: Fults, Snyder
Abstain: None
- Director Dean made a motion to consider the Lake County Firefighter's Association's request to purchase a District portable generator for a fundraiser raffle for \$1.00.
Director Watson seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
Director Moore paid the \$1.00.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Good of the Order:

- Fire Chief Sapeta suggested paying respects by sending flowers to fallen Firefighter Mike Mattioda's grave for the 33rd anniversary.
- Director Watson suggested the Board take a walk to Mike's grave.
- Director Watson appreciates all of the firefighters and volunteers.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the June Board meeting. Director Watson would like to do open meetings again. Director Watson and Director Loustalot would like to do away with masks during the meetings. However, they defer the decision to Chairperson Snyder.

Adjournment:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1625 hours.

Attest:



Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board

