

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

November 18, 2020

Located at the Lake County Fire Association Building
14926 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 1600 hours.

Directors present: Director Dean, Director Moore, Director Spriet, Director Fults via GoTo Meeting, Director Loustalot via GoTo Meeting (4:27)

Employees present: Fire Chief Sapeta, Fire Marshal Smith, Financial Analyst Rivas, Finance Assistant Franklin, Captain Hill, Paramedic Sarris, EMT Lancaster and Engineer Shields.

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 Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2020 regular meeting. Director Dean seconded the motion. Chairperson Watson emphasized that we are adhering to CDC guidelines. Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
- Chairperson Watson made a motion to approve the warrant register and pay the bills for October 2020. Director Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2

Chief's Report:

- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that call volume is steadily increasing for Fire & EMS.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that LCFPD received 40 rapid tests for covid-19, as well as 40 Swab tests.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he attended the OES Fire/Rescue meeting. He reported that so far in 2020, 4.1 million acres has burned in California and fire season is far from over. They discussed the effectiveness of the repositioning of resources. Lake County was referred to as a super utilizer.

- Fire Chief Sapeta provided an update on the SCBAs. The new equipment will be delivered in late November. They should be in service mid-January 2021.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that Hopland Fire is interested in purchasing M7014 once it is ready for surplus.
- Fire Chief Sapeta provided a brief update on the PG&E PSPS. There is still a potential for shut offs through the end of the year depending on weather and fire activity.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he hasn't heard when Vertical Bridge plans to move forward with the cell tower.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he participated in a Hospital Surge Evacuation table top exercise. It identified a couple shortfalls, but was a good learning discussion.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that the county is currently in the COVID Red Tier and is close to moving to Orange but has had 2 isolated breakouts, which will keep the county at Red Tier for at least a couple more weeks.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that there are 4 prospective providers that are going to look at the Lower Lake High School alarm systems.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that there are 2 new probationary employees. Captain Hill introduced EMT Lancaster and Paramedic Sarris.
- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that citations for vegetation violations have been issued for properties in the City of Clearlake.

Fire Marshal's Report:

- Fire Marshal Smith reported that his items are on the agenda.

Chaplain's Report:

- None.

Volunteer Association Input and Comments:

- Engineer Shields reported the Association will be getting back to normal meetings the first Tuesday of December.
- Engineer Shields reported that in person trainings will commence 3 nights a week instead of 2 for COVID purposes.
- Chairperson Watson recommended that the Board make a donation if attending the Association dinners.

Employee Input and Comments:

- Engineer Shields reported the fleet is on track for the Water Tender.
- Financial Analyst Rivas introduced Finance Assistant Franklin.

Communications:

- Chairperson Watson read the communication from former Director Meisenbach in its entirety. The topic will be discussed in the Good of the Order.

AD HOC Committee Reports:

- 2020/2021 Budget – None.

Regular Agenda Items:

- Chairperson Watson made a motion to read the amendment to the Lake County Fire Protection District Ordinance 2019-1202 for the Adoption of the 2019 California Fire Code in title only. Director Dean seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
- Chairperson Watson made a motion to consider and approve the surplus of M7014 to Hopland Fire Protection District for \$5,000.00. Director Moore seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 2

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Fire Chief Sapeta reported that he went on an onsite visit to spec out a new Type 1 Engine.

Good of the Order:

- Chairperson Watson approached the Board about putting former Director Meisenbach's badge on a plaque. The Board unanimously agreed to purchase a plaque using their personal funds, not District. Director Moore donated \$100.00 for effort.

Adjournment:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1635 hours.

Attest:



Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board