

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

October 23, 2019
14815 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422
1600 Hours

Vice Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 1600 hours.

Directors present: Director Fults, Director Meisenbach, Director Moore, Director Snyder, and Director Spriet.

Employees present: Chief Sapeta, Financial Analyst Rivas, Captain Inman, Captain Trask, Engineer Hill, Engineer Shields, Firefighter Fujikawa, and Firefighter Isom.

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 September 25, 2019 regular meeting. Director Spriet seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1
- Director Spriet made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2019 special meeting. Director Fults seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1
- Director Spriet made a motion to approve the warrant register and pay the bills for September 2019. Director Moore seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: 1

Chief's Report:

- Associate Member Engineer Shields reported that he doesn't believe there are any new volunteers.
- Chief Sapeta reported on recent PG&E PPSO. The big concern is a lack of consistency in information between the conference calls with PG&E. More information was received through social media and

Senator McGuire's office than from the conference calls. Because we do not have fiber optics, a generator was placed at a nearby pole to provide Mediacom service. Otherwise, we would have moved the operation center to the Police Station. The IAP-MIMP was implemented during the outage and an after-action report was generated. Social Services also provided a small labor pool that was available to help during the outage.

- Chief Sapeta reported that a site visit was done and a site map was created for a repeater site on Goat Mountain. He is currently looking at Homeland Security funding for the site.
- Chief Sapeta reported that hemp/cannabis is still an issue. The Ag Commissioner is issuing a permit for cannabis as an ag product. The minimum requirements for ingress/egress is an issue for locations in Jerusalem Valley, Morgan Valley, and off of Dam Road.
- Chief Sapeta reported that about 50 letters have gone out locally for vegetation abatement.
- Chief Sapeta reported that a Vertical Bridge representative stopped by for a site visit. The location of the cell tower changed to a new location that may not work out.
- Chief Sapeta reported on the Great Shake Out table top exercise that occurred on 10/18/19.
- Chief Sapeta reported on the Konocti Unified School District alarm system. A test of the Lower Lake High School alarm system revealed that some audible and visual alarms did not work. The speaker system in the gym is not loud enough to be heard over any events that may be going on.
- Chief Sapeta reported on the stats from the 2019 Heroes of Health & Safety Fair. The stats were distributed for review.
- Chief Sapeta reported that 180,000 acres and 200 homes have burned and 4 incident related fatalities have occurred during this year's fire season, so far.
- Chief Sapeta reported that the prepositioned team arrived on Monday at 0800 and will be here until Thursday at 1700. If we score high enough for the next event over the weekend, they may return.

Volunteer Association Input and Comments:

- None

Employee Input and Comments:

- None

Communications:

- Vice-Chairperson Dean read a letter from the local Union, "St. Helena Dispatch" in full. Clerk of the Board Rivas reported that the letter was received earlier this afternoon, despite the date of the letter. Chief Sapeta reported that dispatch was initially switched from Central to CalFire due to issues over the previous 30 years. Chief Sapeta also reported that he is trying to address the issues and will follow up with the possibility of issuing radios to all personnel with receive capability only. Director Snyder would like to agendize the issue by the next meeting to gather statistics. Director Meisenbach and Director Synder would also like to have reports on this issue regularly. Director Fults, Director Snyder, and Director Spriet were assigned to the CalFire Dispatch AD HOC committee.

AD HOC Committee Reports:

- Station 70 CIP – None
- Station 65 Remodel – Director Spriet reported that the lights are "dynamite," thank you Engineer Shields.
- District Reorganization – Director Snyder reported that Chief Sapeta provided an extensive report to the committee and will meet again once it has been reviewed.

- 2019/2020 MOU Negotiations – Director Fults reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday October 28th at 0900 with Union representatives.
- Lexipol Policy Manual – Director Spriet reported that a meeting was held the other night and is still being reviewed.

Regular Agenda Items:

- Director Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-1001 Adopting Memorandum Of Understanding Amendment by and between the Lake County Fire Safety Employees, Local 4115 International Association of Firefighters, and the Lake County Fire Protection District for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Director Meisenbach seconded the motion.
Motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Dean, Fults, Meisenbach, Moore, Snyder, Spriet
Noes: None
Absent: Watson

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Financial Analyst Rivas reported that the County of Lake Auditor-Controller submitted an Agreement for Services. The current contract with the County of Lake Auditor-Controller is from the early 1980's. The Auditor is trying to force the District into a new contract which would allow the County of Lake to collect the fees as they are adopted. The fee increase is expected to be about \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually. The new contract does not contain any protections offered to the District in the event that the County of Lake Auditor-Controller does not provide the necessary information to get the taxes on the tax roll. Once a consensus is reached between the fire districts on what provisions they want to see in the contract, if legal agrees with the strategy and provisions, a contract will be drafted and presented to the Board for review and approval. Upon approval, the new contract will be presented to the County of Lake Auditor-Controller.

Good of the Order:

- None

Adjournment:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1645 hours.

Reopened:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors reopened at 1645 hours.
- Engineer Shields reported on the District fleet with a handout outlining the fleet. Director Meisenbach would like to see an AD HOC committee. Vice Chairperson Dean requested this topic be placed on New Business for the November meeting and determine if an AD HOC committee is necessary.

Adjournment:

- The regular meeting of the Board of Directors readjourned at 1651 hours.

Attest:



 Miasha Rivas, Clerk of the Board