

LOCKWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
23141 Shake Ridge Road
Volcano, CA 95689
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2019

1. Call to order and reading of the mission statement.

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Hewitt at 6:01 p.m. and the Mission Statement read.

2. Establish quorum-roll call

Those in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS: President Jan Hewitt, Vice President Joanne McLachlan, Director Cookie Stevens, and Director Cathy Koos. A quorum was established.

Absent: Director Kelly McGee

ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS: Terry Bolyard, Secretary, Webmaster Jackie Vaughn, Battalion Chief Mike Weidner sitting in for Chief Withrow,

Absent: Tim Worny, Treasurer, Chief Rob Withrow

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tom and Debra Abrams, Herb Goldblum, Jim Darnell, and LFPD Auxiliary Co-President Marilyn Dillon.

3. Public Comments: No Public Comments

4. Closed Session: No closed session was held.

5. Discussion/Action Items:

No action items on the agenda.

6. Discussion Items

6a) Options LFPD Can Offer Residents As Incentive For Property Clearing Since Bins Will Not Be Available

Jan Hewitt addressed the Board asking for suggestions on how to get property owners to get their property cleared and ready for fire season. The bins will not be made available as they have been in the past. Joanne McLachlan advised she had contacted ACES to see about prices for bins. She was told the cost of a small bin is \$389 for the bin and 1 ton of debris. The cost is \$190 for every ton after that.

Jan reported there was a segment on the evening news stating the state would not issue funds for home hardening during wildfire season. Cathy Koos suggested checking into purchasing a chipper and perhaps find a grant to help pay for it. Jim Darnell said he used a small chipper at his residence and it was very labor intensive and there is a danger factor involved in using one. If LFPD were to get a chipper, volunteers would be needed to operate it and problems

could incur with the community residents bringing in large limbs, rounds, etc. and just dropping them off. Further research needs to be done.

Cathy Koos asked about any progress on opening up Shake Ridge. Jackie Vaughn posted a press release from Brian Oneto addressing this issue. So far, there is no timeframe regarding the repair work or reopening Shake Ridge. Battalion Chief Weidner advised Cal Fire is unable to use Shake Ridge when responding to calls. They are using Fuentes to Rolling Hills. This causes response time to be longer but they can't use Shake Ridge because of gates closing it off and repair equipment blocking the only lane.

6b) Firefighter Randy Binz Advised Of A Water Intrusion On The East Side Of the Front Bay At Station 151 Due To Slope And Gravel. This Needs To Be Addressed Before The Next Rainy Season.

Firefighter Jim Darnell addressed the Board explaining a french drain would solve the problem of water intrusion – especially in the hose drying area. He and Randy can put in the drain when the weather gets better. As far as water and mud running onto the cement apron in front of the back bay, grading and rock need to be done. This too can be done when the weather improves – and before the next rain season.

6c) Three Board Director Terms Are Expiring In 2019. Discuss Timeline For Applying And Notification Requirements.

The terms of Cookie Stevens, Kelly McGee and Joanne McLachlan expire this year. The Board Directors have between July 15 and August 9, 2019 to file with the County if they wish to continue serving on the Board. Jan Hewitt advised notice will go up to the public of these openings in June.

7. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 22, 2019.

Cathy Koos moved the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Cookie Stevens seconded. The motion passed with 3 yeas, 1 absent, and 1 abstain.

8. Treasurer's Report: Tim Worny has advised the Board he will not be able to attend Board meetings for awhile due to health issues. He will continue as the treasurer and provide reports via email. Tim is also working with Chief Withrow and Joanne on the 2019/2020 budget.

9. Chief's Report:

In Chief Withrow's absence, Battalion Chief Weidner made the following report:

The ISO rating for the LFPD area will improve. Details will be provided.

LFPD Firefighters Jim Darnell, Randy Binz and Doug Mather all attended a vegetation management training program which was held at Dokes (just above Tiger Creek.) Battalion Chief Wiedner said the three gentlemen did really well.

Battalion Chief Wiedner reported he has filed for a Volunteer Assistance Grant for Lockwood and hopes to find out by June if LFPD will receive funds to purchase needed equipment.

PG&E will be doing mandatory outages which can last up to several days. Jim Darnell

suggested getting generators – especially at Station 151 – in order to maintain equipment which runs on electricity. The Board all agreed this was a good idea. Battalion Chief Weidner suggested checking into an organization called Federal Excess. This organization often times has equipment for a very low cost. Cathy Koos will check into this.

10. Committee Reports:

Grant Committee: Discussed above.

Fiscal and Planning Committee: Nothing new to report as yet.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Joanne McLachlan reported some very minor changes are being made with LAFCO

Building and Maintenance Committee: Nothing new to report.

Fire and Safety Committee: Nothing new to report

Communications and Outreach: Jan Hewitt commended Webmaster Jackie Vaughn on her outstanding job of getting LFPD events and notifications out to the community. Jackie told the Board she is continuing in her education of ways to improve the LFPD website.

Jackie advised the Board of a May 23, 2019 meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Chambers. This meeting is being held to address Measure M disbursements.

11. Auxiliary Report: Auxiliary Co-President Marilyn Dillon advised the Board of the great success the annual LFPD Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast was. There was a great public attendance and the vendors were very helpful with suggestions on how to fire safe our homes.

Upcoming Events: 10/6/19 Bells-Across-America at Station 151. 10/12/19 LFPD Auxiliary Firehouse Concert featuring music by DoubleTake. Further details will be forthcoming.

The Auxiliary is going dark for the summer and will meet again in September.

12. Next Regular Board Meeting: June 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Cookie Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Koos seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.