

# *Lower Valley Fire District*

## *August 12, 2021*

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### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Cullen Purser after prior notice of the meeting was given. Roll was taken, and the following directors were present Larry Overbye, Cullen Purser and Mark Bonella. Also present were Chief Cavaliere, Michelle Williams, Melissa Schmalz, Beau Schmalz, Matt Katzenberger, Travis Holder, Jessie Stocking, Gary Mulkey, Tony Svaldi, Kaden Fife, Ben Gardner, Cheyenne Conn-Pfertsh, Mike Banks, Kellie Banks, Ben Linzey, Doug Stassen and Rebecca VanBramer.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cullen Purser led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

N/A

### **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

N/A

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to approve the minutes of the July 08, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed by 3 yes votes.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to pay the bills in the amount of \$43,335.03, with the addition of \$228.00 to Bechtel & Santo for a total of \$43,563.03 . **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Michelle Williams gave the financial report. **Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to accept the financial report of \$2,569,427.13. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed by 3 yes votes.

### **REPORTS & UPDATES**

#### **Administrative**

Michelle Williams gave the administrative report. Michelle is working on the new budget and is needing a new budget member on the committee. **Motion** was made by Cullen Purser to nominate Mark Bonella the serve on the budget committee for the Lower Valley Fire District. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** passed with 3 yes votes. Budget meeting will take place on August 25, 2021.

## Chief

Lower Valley Fire District will be sponsoring two High School Interns.

Chief Cavaliere is continuing to look for a replacement ladder truck.

Loma Hall clean-up is continuing.

Conversations between CUDD and Chief Cavaliere on the possible donation of a building and land for a training facility has ended. The location has been sold to another company.

Due to a catastrophic failure of the foam controller on engine #27; Chief Cavaliere has requested \$2,410.92 from the Board of Directors for a replacement part. **Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to approve \$2,410.92 for the replacement of the foam controller. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** passed by 3 yes voted.

The Board of Directors have agreed to re-evaluate the cost of a replacement ladder truck at the September 9, 2021 Board Meeting.

## Officers

Captain Matt Katzenberger presented the Board of Directors with the current call volume. As of August 12, 2021, there have been 1,600 calls; up 230 calls from same day last year. Estimated call volume by the end of this year is expected to exceed 2,600 calls. This will be 350 more calls compared to last year. 20% of these calls this year have been primary response from Loma 80% of calls from Fruita

Still looking/planning for a station towards east end of Lower Valley Fire District. 20% of call volume comes from the east end of our district.

## Lieutenant

Lieutenant Travis holder gave an update on the committees:

EMS Committee has been busy with the new ambulance grant.

PPE Committee is looking at new wildland pants to replace old, outdated pants.

Apparatus Committee has been helping Chief Cavaliere with search for new ladder truck and finishing up with the new brush truck, installing the new nozzles.

The crews have been busy cleaning and cataloging everything.

## Union #5265

Union President Ben Gardner gave the Union report.

The meeting with the FPPA (Fire & Police Pension Association) Rep. was very helpful and thank Chief Cavaliere and Michelle Williams for setting that up.

Union members are currently working on Officer level task.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Juneteenth will be discussed again in the October 2021 meeting. The Board of Directors would like to be presented with information from both Administration and the Union, on how to make this Federal holiday work as an organization.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 08/12-2021 Monthly Write/offs**

**Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to accept the resolution of monthly write/offs for July 2021 in the amount of \$96,644.39. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes.

**Ambulance Grant**

Lieutenant Gary Mulkey gave the update. Lower Valley Fire District was approved for the State Provider Ambulance Grant in the amount of \$103,627.00. Lieutenant Mulkey has requested an additional \$44,363.00 to cover the remainder cost for the new ambulance. **Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to approve the additional \$44,363.00 towards the purchase of a new ambulance. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes

Union Reps and Board Members are learning new ways to communicate ideas and concerns.

**Board Letters of Intent**

Vice President Cullen Purser proposed that the Board of Directors meet and interview the applicants for the open District 1 Board Seat in a Special Board Meeting. That process will take place on August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to adjourn the August 12, 2021 Board Meeting at 7:14pm. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** passed with 3 yes votes.

  
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