



LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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MINUTES

October 10th, 2023

- OPENING:** The regular meeting of the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order by Tony Madrigal at 5:07 PM.
- ROLL CALL:** Present: Tom Herman, Arnie Mello, Tony Madrigal, and Skip Lucier. Absent: Nancy Stipe
- MINUTES:** Motion to accept the September 12th, 2023 minutes: Arnie Mello, 1st, Skip Lucier, 2nd. Motion to accept the September 28th, 2023 special meeting minutes: Tom Herman 1st, Arnie Mello 2nd.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Treasures Report.
- CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- FIREHOUSE:** No update. Michelle Schnitzius is still waiting to hear from ACGC. Tom Herman suggested looking at the contract regarding non-compliance. Michelle explained the outstanding items are the gate, association door, breaker panel labels, and water leak. Arnie Mello informed the board that fixing these items may be more straightforward and contacting ACGC for payment.
- NEW ENGINE 5469:** Deputy Chief John Thomen reported he as been waiting on the lettering. Deputy Chief Thomen called to check on the status; the lettering was lost in Texas. The company resent new lettering, and they were received and applied. Training for Engine 5469 will start soon, and Engine 5469 will be in service after training.
- USDA EQUIPMENT GRANT:** Michelle Schnitzius reported



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grant funding has been reimbursed.

AFG GRANT- Michelle has submitted all the paperwork. Lexipol needed an additional quote for face pieces, which has since been sent to Lexipol.

NEW BUSINESS: **RESOLUTION 2023-3:** John Haschak updated the board about Initiative #21-0042A1. Mr. Hashcak informed the board the initiative will affect Measure P and future essential service needs. Michelle Schnitzius added if the initiative passes, it would limit funds for government services. The initiative would also retroactively cancel passed measures from January 1st, 2022 and later. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-3 in opposition of Initiative #21-0042A1: Tom Herman 1st and Skip Lucier 2nd. All Ayes. Michelle Schnitzius will send Resolution 2023-3 to the California Special District Association.

FEE SCHEDULE: Tony Madrigal discussed amending the fee schedule. Tony Madrigal would like to review the fee schedule to ensure the rates are current. At this time, it is only informational.

BILLS: Motion to pay bills: Tom Herman 1st, Arnie Mello 2nd.

TRAINING REPORT: Training Chief Jeff Donaldson was not in attendance due to a call. Deputy Chief John Thomen spoke to the board and stated the last two drills have been the five-person engine company drill. SCBA training is coming; four firefighters will attend an upcoming driver operator's course, and two will attend a forthcoming class in Hazmat.

FIRE MARSHAL: Fire Marshal Eric Alvarez just returned from class. Two more sets of Inspector classes are left in the series.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC. REPORT: Association President Aaron Branscomb reported Deputy Chief John Thomen was presented with a challenge coin recognizing his 40 years of service with the Little Lake Fire Department at the last association meeting. Aaron also recognized firefighter Harry So for volunteering at the dunk tank for the



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Hometown Celebration. On October 31st, we will open the bay doors for candy handouts from 5 -8 PM.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief John Thomen announced we have received the Scott SCBA packs from our USDA Grant. John also informed the board he is trying to get certified to work on Scott's Packs so we do not have to send them in for repair. John also explained the SCBA packs to the board and had one for display. John stated the packs and their batteries have to be inspected yearly. There were 49 calls in September, and 2 were mutual aid to Redwood Valley and Ukiah. Redwood Valley's fire call was a structure fire and John informed the board he received feedback from Redwood Valley Fire thanking our volunteers and spoke of how well they did. Ukiah Fire had a 19.5 acre wildland fire and requested wildland Engine 5468. John said mutual aid has been successful and everyone works well together. John informed the board the burn ban will be lifted 10/11/23.

The regular meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:47PM.

Closed session meeting adjourned: 6:05PM

Tony Madrigal

Tony Madrigal, Chairman

Michelle Schnitzius

Michelle Schnitzius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Report out:

Update on a personnel issue