

Limon Area Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
130 C Avenue, Limon, Colorado
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2023

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The regular meeting was called to order by President Thompson at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

President Thompson called roll for Directors, staff, and guests.

Directors present: Director Thompson, Director O'Dwyer, Director Kappel, Director Rosenberger and Director Reimer.

Staff present: Chief Martin, Jeff Guth, Jason Farley, Angelo Rosa and Corrin Perry.

Guests present: Sara Lancaster, Randy Harreld, and Will Bublitz.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence for Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Kiser

Approval of the Agenda

Director Rosenberger moved to approve the agenda for the September 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 16, 2023 regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Kappel moved to approve the August 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

Ten Minute Citizen Input

Will Bulbitz said he was impressed with the fire department and Chief Martin at fire on Wisconsin Avenue. Everyone responded well and the Chief had things under control at the scene. Reassuring to see everyone working together. Good job.

Treasurer's Report

A. Regular Financial Report- Director O'Dwyer reviewed the finances for the period of August 16, 2023 to September 20, 2023.

Director Kappel moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

Appoint a Budget Officer for the 2024 Budget

Director O'Dwyer appointed as the Budget Officer for 2024 Budget. Director Rosenberger moved to approve Director O'Dwyer as 2024 Budget Officer. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

Discussion of addition to bay area and approval of RFP process for construction

LAFPD needs to have an addition that is large enough for accommodating the ladder truck. We won't have parts available for construction until April 2024. Tabled until next board meeting so we can get an answer from the insurance about the length requirement of our ladder truck for our discounted insurance rate. Can it be 65 to 75 feet instead of 100 feet for our ladder length. Director O'Dwyer will call the insurance company to find out this requirement.

Other Business

Homecoming Bonfire Friday September 22, 2023, at dusk 2066, 2011 and the Brush Truck will be at the bonfire. Officer Rosa will oversee the fire department at the bonfire and work with the school to facilitate that things are ready and set to go.

Officer Rosa

- 2260 is fixed, back and running. 2211 checked with Bennett Fire to see if they had availability, but were too backlogged to take on more work. We contacted Tri Valley Automotive to get us an estimate to install the shutoff valve and drain.
- They've been working on washing gear, getting it all folded, on racks, and moved into the modular.

Fire Chief

- The fire at Wisconsin Avenue overall went fairly well. Discussed with the crew things we did and where we need to focus on improving/training. Good job.
- All SCBAs have been tested and most are still covered under warranty, 14 packs and 22 bottles, currently 9 bottles are done. Everything will be working, they are giving us a 2 for 1 discount.
- Monday, September 25, 2023, the truck is scheduled to go in for its badging and the topper installed. Working on getting the lighting for the truck scheduled.
- Corrin is working on getting NIFFERs for 2023 up to date. Proposing hiring Sara Lancaster to help Corrin get the backlog of NIFFERs caught up from 2019 to present. We would pay Corrin and Sara an hourly rate of \$25.00/hr to get this accomplished. LAFPD will not be able to qualify for grant funding and until we have the NIFFERs caught up we cannot apply because we are out of compliance. After the reports are current, pushing to have this accomplished by January 1, 2024, then we will nominate 1 person to be in charge of making sure the reports are maintained.

Motion made by Director Rosenberger to approve hiring Corrin Perry and Sara Lancaster to catch up on NIFFERs. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion passed.

- Planning for Fire Prevention Week beginning October 2nd at the school and thinking about the Holidays. Continuing focus on LAFPD's presence being seen and involved in the community.
- Looking at some alternative scheduling ideas that work better for people's availability. 3 shifts, Shift 1 works 1st weekend, Shift 2 works 2nd weekend, Shift 3 works 3rd weekend and 4th weekend is training and all hands on deck. If you can't work your scheduled weekend trade with someone to cover your shift.
- Brandon Mellott is doing a great job with securing our website and Facebook page.

Directors Reports

- Director Kappel-FPPAs are all up to date. Appreciate all that everyone does and thanks for all that you do.
- Director Rosenberger- Excited the direction the fire department is heading, appreciate everyone's efforts and everyone stepping up to their roles. Jeff, Angelo and Jason are doing a great job.
- Director O'Dwyer -Congratulated individuals for their presence and efforts at the car show. Thank you for all your hard work. Glad for the direction Chief Martin is taking us. Made a google email list for all of us learning our new system. Patience while we are getting accustomed to the new system. Hopeful about new members joining in the near future.
- Director Reimer- Getting comfortable with Google and it helps having the shared

documents. Excited about the direction we are going. I will be out of town for training so I won't be here for the October 18th board meeting.

- Director Thompson – Good Job. Thanks for all the things you are accomplishing and keeping this department running and moving forward. Chief Martin thanks for getting this department moving forward

Adjournment:

Director Kappel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. Seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023 at 5:00pm for training and then meeting with attorney after the regular board meeting at 6:30

Lagenia Reimer, Secretary

Kurt Thompson, President