

**Limon Area Fire Protection District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**401 ½ A Avenue**  
**Limon, CO 80828**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Apr 2, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Thompson at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

President Thompson called roll for Directors, staff and guests.

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

Staff present: Firefighters Deputy Chief Jeff Guth, Sean Nielson

Joining via Google Meet: Chief Sean Martin,

Guests present: Ethan Hendricks, Mykayla Householder with Limon Leader,

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Director Rosenberger moved to approve the agenda of April 2, 2024. Seconded by Director Kappel . Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the March 13, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed.

Director O'Dwyer moved to approve the March 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Seconded by Director Reimer . Motion carried.

**Ten Minute Citizen Input**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

- A. Regular Financial Report None to report due to early in the month Bookkeeper Lancaster to let us know when the report is ready for the period of March 13, 2024 to April 2, 2024.per Director O'Dwyer..

**Other Business**

Director Kerrigan asked if we had heard any response from the flier we had put in the Limon Leader? Chief Martin said he hadn't heard anything directly and neither had Director O'Dwyer.

## Chief Report

1st item: I have been playing phone tag with Josh McKingey(sp), on the wildland fire training hold in the class to involve the surrounding Ranching and Farming communities that might want to participate.

2nd item: I reached out to D.O.L.A to get clarification on the criteria for funding specifics on the types of grant funding D.O.L.A requires. There is a threshold that must be met in order to proceed with a matching funds request. The threshold is \$250,000.00 which is the minimum match request. With that said we must spend \$500,000.00 to apply for the funds. They do entertain smaller funding requests, however, those are tied to any federal grants that we are receiving. To apply for, and receive a grant of any amount is a time consuming endeavor. From the application period to review, announcement of award to receipt of the award can take up to a year.

With this given information I recommend going forward with our building addition for \$80,000 and the plymovent exhaust system \$50,000, and possibly purchase an additional tender, while selling one of our existing tenders.

Recommending that we will advertise for bids for the 1st 2 weeks in April for the building addition and if we don't have any competing bids we will move forward and check with the Town/County as to what we need to begin the permit process. We will work to get the addition project underway.

Tower/Ladder truck is running and needs an operational temperature gauge replaced to keep it from overheating. The building addition is important to get done so we can keep the Tower/Ladder truck in a heated environment so it is ready to respond when needed. Tender truck recommend keeping the green truck and getting rid of the red one.

Right now tender trucks are scarce because it is that time of year where grass fires occur more often, as we have already seen last month. Recommend getting rid of the Tahoe and 1 of the brush trucks.

Director Thompson recommended getting the brush truck box from across the street at Doug Ratzlaff's lot that we already own and get it switched out on the dully. This has been something we have been trying to accomplish for the past few years and never has come to fruition. This would be good to have as a response vehicle instead of taking the Timberwolf on response, as it was never meant to go down the road at a high rate of speed. This would insure the safety and provide a big enough vehicle to carry responding firefighters. This might help us by making this a priority instead of another tender truck, which we can do later on in the year.

Getting some battery operated extrication tools would be good to have, especially if we are assisting with rollover calls.

## Firefighters Report

**Deputy Chief Guth-** The Tower/Ladder truck is running, we replaced a hose clamp which was broke, filled with water and the operational temperature gauge. It could be the sender unit that might need replacing but it is running! Ran Ladder tests and it ran fine. It still leaks oil so we need to look into the cause of that. Brakes are operational and good to go. Rosenberger suggested since we have vehicles running to make sure we are driving them around at least 2 times a week to keep them in operational order. Guth is

working on that schedule. With all of the work that has been done on the Tower/Ladder truck we don't need to replace it, which is great news!

Guth and Christie decided to get truck 40 working. There is a leak in one of the tubes so fixed that due to grass fires this time of year it is a good idea to have an extra brush truck especially if we have 2 responding to assist other departments with grass fires at least we would have one available.

Truck 2211 has been working since we had the air blow out fixed, planning a training on that process so we don't have another crack in it again, preventative training course. We have been busy running calls this last month, there were 2 fatalities that we responded to.

Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Had a great turnout from LAFPD and great response from the kids and parents that participated in the event. We took 4 trucks, including the antique fire truck. The community enjoyed seeing our presence and our support.

### **Directors Report**

**Director Reimer** - Gave resignation effective May 31st due to family relocating due to husband's job. Thank you for everything. I have enjoyed being involved with LAFPD. Hard decision to go but cannot pass on the opportunity for our family's future. Great Job on the Easter Egg Hunt. Well received by the community. Have heard many positive things about how many firefighters showed up and the equipment we brought out.

**Director Kappel** - Thank you for the opportunity Lagenia for joining the board at the same time and going through this together. I wish you good luck.

**Director Rosenberger** - Training calendar has been adjusted to be able to have the extraction class Sean and Mykala are attending in May they can train when they get back and train in July. Kerrigan have you been able to dig into pension paperwork for the retired firefighters? Have not gotten a chance to look into the pension contribution but. Kurt was able to look into the pension contributions that were made by surrounding fire departments and we are the highest of all of them, so it is not true that we are one of the lowest in the state. Agate doesn't participate in FPPA, Elizabeth doesn't do FPPA. Hugo does \$1,000/yr. And Simla contributes something but we contribute more than anyone. Thank you for covering all the calls while I was on vacation. Apologize for being gone. Great job on Easter Egg Hunt.

**Director O'Dwyer** - We will have 60 days after Lagenia's last date of service for us to get someone to replace her position. Great turnout for Easter Egg Hunt and Good Job getting seen.

**Director Thompson** - Great job on all of the hard work this month. Nice turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt. Will work on getting the trucks looked at that need fixed and see if we can get Randy Reed to look at them.

**Adjournment**

Director Rosenberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting is May 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

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Lagenia Reimer , Secretary

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Kurt Thompson, President