

**Limon Area Fire Protection District**  
**Board of Directors**  
130 C Avenue, Limon, Colorado  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2023

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Thompson at 5:25 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: Brandon Mellott and Will Bublitz.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Director Kappel moved to approve the agenda for the November 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Seconded by Director Rosenberger . Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Rosenberger moved to approve the October 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Ten Minute Citizen Input**

Will Bublitz asked about the fire call 2 weeks ago, Thursday that happened at Flying J. Why did Hugo Fire respond instead of LAFPD? Their response was due to lack of volunteers. There was no one on duty so Hugo was on call to respond. Lack of personnel was why we had to have Hugo respond. We have 6 members currently.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Regular Financial Report-** Director O'Dwyer reviewed the finances for the period of October 18 through November 15, 2023.

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

**Review and update on 2024 Budget - final approval December 13th**

There was an executive order meeting on November 17, 2023 for HH not passing the governor's possibly going to penalize us. We are waiting to hear the result of the Governor's Executive Orders. We will approve the budget at the next meeting on Dec 13, 2023. We need to have the budget approved and turned in by December 15, 2023.

**Other Business**

Brandon Mellott presented an update on the website, there are many changes, still under construction. Facebook changes Brandon or Theresa can post to social media currently. Do not share passwords, contact Brandon with any password resets.Keep information secure. Going to make a full transformation to Google.

No reason with Google Docs to share computers. Need to have all of our records/files uploaded to google and eliminate paper files. Protect your passwords. Protect LAFPD. We will be able to see LAFPD schedule on google shared calendar. Events will be listed on our shared calendar.

## **Chief and Officers Reports**

### **Deputy Chief Rosa**

- Since October 18, 2023 we have had 12 calls
- Wind Tower training was today, November 15, 2023. It went well.
- Extraction training was held on Nov 4, 2023 and December 17, 2023
- Saturday we did CO2 Training and truck checks.
- We have new CO2 detectors on each fire engine.
- 2250 has a new battery.
- Genoa Fire Department having a Chili dinner on December 3, 2023 at Genoa Legion Hall.
- Maybe we can donate like we did last year.

### **Captain Farley**

- Digital version for approving Controlled Burns Hugo Fire, would be a good idea for us to consider.
- On a personal note I will be going to nightshift next month with Sheriff's office and January 2, 2024, I won't be available until June because of Post Academy.
- January 1, 2024 pulling trigger on EFORCE we will have a whole new dispatching system. A much better system.

### **Training Coordinator Perry**

- The reports for 2023 are caught up 243 reports, 290 for 2019 and 178 for 2020 sent to FEMA. Left to get entered are 190 for 2021 want done by the next meeting. Anticipating being done and current by December 31, 2023, We will be able to apply for grants!!

### **Chief Martin**

- Thank you to Sara and Corrin for getting the reports and keeping the reports current. Huge help.
- Thank you for letting him miss the last meeting and setting up the training workshop.
- Training is 90% of our battle.
- CO2 Detectors are good to go, We have 2, 1 for each truck. Tis the season for more of these calls due to the cold and everyone turning on their furnaces.
- Writing an article for the Limon Leader about CO2 Detectors in the next few days.
- Lights and Sirens got sidelined till February 2023.
- Open House Saturday 9, 2023 from 6pm to 8pm.
- New uniforms will be ready for the open house.
- New Patches are on their way, saved \$300.00.
- New Badges!
- New name plates for 3 new members.
- Asked if we would consider changing our board meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday of the month to coordinate with members that are also on the Ambulance can attend our meetings starting in January 2024.
- Thank you to Angelo for stepping up and doing Trunk or Treat at the school since he was unable to attend.

## **Directors Reports**

- Director Kappel - thanks to Sara and Corrin for all your hard work on the reports. Thank you Brandon for all your work on our website and securing our media presence. Good Job with the 12 calls!
- Director Rosenberger–Kuddos to Sara and Corrin, Good Job! We need to send thank yous to American Legion and Southside for the food they donated for the chili dinner at the Ambulance barn.
- Director O’Dwyer – Need to make changes in the by laws that are outdated regarding board members being a volunteer. She will read the By Laws and see if something needs to be changed. Chief will follow up with Julie Page and see what needs to be changed. Devices Corin is going to check in the modular. Thank you for all who helped with Halloween. The leftovers went to the Lighthouse Church for lunch with highschool students.
- Director Reimer- Thank you for participating in Halloween. Glad we have the CO2 Detectors. Keep on moving forward.
- Director Thompson – thank you everyone for all your hard work.

**Adjournment:**

Director Roenberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023

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Lagenia Reimer , Secretary

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Kurt Thompson, President