

**Limon Area Fire Protection District**  
**Board of Directors**  
130 C Avenue, Limon, Colorado  
Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2023

**REGULAR MEETING**

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, and Angelo Rosa.

Guests present: Greg Etl from D.O.L.A., Alison Arnold from American Legion, Brandon Mellott from The Mellott Group LLC, Sara Lancaster, Randy Harreld, and Will Bublitz.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Director Rosenberger moved to approve the agenda for the August 16, 2023 meeting as presented. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 19, 2023 regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Kappel moved to approve the July 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Reimer. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 25, 2023 special meeting were reviewed. Director Rosenberger moved to approve the June 25, 2023 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Ten Minute Citizen Input**

Alison Arnold from the American Legion here in Limon spoke to the board about being allowed to use space in the modular home for their Food Pantry and storage of their supplies for a temporary space. Chief Martin and Mrs. Arnold is going to further discuss the details of what the American Legion is looking for to accomplish this.

**Greg Etl from the Department of Local Affairs**

Greg Etl from DOLA presented the different grant programs that DOLA might be able to assist LAFPD with financially and the criteria required to apply for their grant programs. They have access to many different Federal and State grant programs depending on what we are needing funding for. DOLA assists with getting fire departments funding to replace or acquire new fast attack vehicles to help improve fire departments response times and properly working response vehicles. This can sometimes include tinder trucks. Currently DOLA has 130 Million grant funds they are allocating. These funds are applied for on a quarterly basis, in the Spring, August and December, generally the grants are a 50/50 match which means the project that we apply for grant assistance, would require LAFPD to match the grant funding with the same amount of money. Greg Etl explained that when we do apply for grants to combine projects that work in conjunction with their criteria, ie: replacement of an HVAC system in the fire station would be covered by their grant criteria, if we were doing a remodel of the fire station then the funding we would match with would be the cost that would go for the additional expenses that weren't included in the HVAC improvements. Greg Etl explained that when we were ready to apply for funding to reach out to him and he would be glad to assist in the process.

**Discussion and Proposal for Internet/Media/Website Services**

Brandon Mellott from The Mellott Group, LLC, gave us a presentation on what it will cost to upgrade and manage LAFPD's media site and give more secure access for LAFPD's fire board and members. This was to eliminate individuals from having to use their personal emails and keep important

information secure. Mr. Mellott would help us maintain our website and set up emails. He gave us an estimate of those costs. We approved have Mr. Mellott set up uniform emails and LAFPD's website etc. See included estimate. Director Rosenberger moved to approve the Mellott Group LLC to move forward with updating and securing our Internet/Media/Website services. Seconded by Director Reimer. Motion passed. Director O'Dwyer abstained from participating in the vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Director O'Dwyers reviewed the finances for the period of July 19 to Aug 16, 2023 Preliminary Budget review will be at the next meeting on September 20, 2023. Director Kappel moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Homecoming Bonfire will be evening of September 22, 2023, LAFPD will need to be there to oversee and extinguish the fire.

#### **Officer Farley**

- Stated that they held a 4 hour training on Aug 5, 2023 for refresher training on truck 2210.

#### **Officer Guth**

- Stated that everyone participated in cleaning and maintenance of the fire station. The firestation looks great and everyone has a lot of pride in their accomplishments.

#### **Officer Rosa**

- Chief Martin had 2 medical packs tested.

#### **Fire Chief**

- Thanks for the Chevy Silverado truck, will be getting a topper for it and the branding and equipment upgrades on hold til available in 2024.
- Rebranding of badges and uniforms to show united presence.
- Work in place training setting a training schedule for everyone.
- Jeff Guth, Jason Farley appointed as captains.
- Looking at lighter and better helmets for safety of firefighters as current ones have a hard time staying on.
- Schedule to be posted for September 2023 Chief Martin's work schedule.
- Focusing training on our most frequent type of calls so everyone is qualified to respond and recruiting new volunteers.

Motion made by Director Rosenberger to approve the purchase of the topper to the Silverado. Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion passed.

### **Directors Reports**

- Director Kappel-Thanks to everyone for keeping the ball rolling and looking forward to the future of LAFPD.
- Director Rosenberger- Thank you to Chief Martin for taking us on and thanks to everyone for their commitment to the success of the fire department.
- Director O'Dwyer - I am proud of all of you, thank you for taking the chance. The Fire Station looks great
- Director Reimer- Thank you everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Station looks great.
- Director Thompson - The garage door needs to be reset and the ambulance needs to be charged as it is dead and we need to get all vehicles inside. Contact Howen Garage to repair the garage door. We need to contact Theron from Winterberg Towing to bring the fireworks container back to the fire station from the school. Thank you for all your hard work and the station looks great.

### **Adjournment:**

Director Kappel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. Seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023.

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Lagenia Reimer, Secretary

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Kurt Thompson, President