

**Limon Area Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors  
401 ½ A Avenue  
Limon, CO 80828  
Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Thompson at 6:40 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 Chief Sean Martin, Deputy Chief Jeff Guth ,Captain Sean Nielson, Captain Mykayla Householder, Corrin Perry, Kaitkyn Tarver and Kyle Elliott

Guests present: Logan Baudree, Brandon Mellott, and Gary Lumen

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Directors and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Director Rosenberger moved to approve the agenda of May 8, 2024 with changes of adding an executive session after the officer/member reports. Seconded by Director Kappel . Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the April 2, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Director Kappel moved to approve the April 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Rosenberger . Motion carried.

**Ten Minute Citizen Input**

Gary Lumen, Limon resident, voiced concern about mitigation of the Big Sandy in the LAFPD area. Stated that it was a huge fire issue and needs to be addressed.

Chief Martin and Director Rosenberger thanked Mr. Lumen for voicing his concern and reassured him that we were addressing it.

**Treasurer's Report**

Regular Financial Report-Director O'Dwyer reviewed the finances for the period of March 14, 2024 to May 8, 2024, this is due to the April board meeting being held early. Director Rosenberger moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Director Reimer. Motion carried.

### **Acceptance of Chief Martin Resignation**

\*\*Letter of Resignation was read after the Chief's report.

### **Review, discussion and acceptance of bid for fire house bay**

Review of the bid for the fire house bay from Structures Unlimited. The cost for the far north bay to be bumped out to the west 20 feet to house the 100 ft ladder truck \$93,000. This was the only bid we received. It was published in the paper for 3 weeks, we chose to move forward and once building is ordered it should take 3 to 6 weeks to receive the materials.

Director Kappel made a motion to accept the bid from Structures Unlimited.

Director Rosenberger seconded the motion. Director O'Dwyer abstained.

Motion carried.

### **Approve and sign the FPPA Affiliation Agreement**

Director Kappel presented the current year acceptance of the FPPA Agreement and for us to sign the current year agreement.

### **Discussion of FPPA Benefits**

Had discussions with other surrounding districts and found we are not the lowest in the state. The LAFPD currently pays \$250.00/retired firefighters, there are currently 9 retirees now. They also receive a death benefit for your spouse in case the retiree passes. They must submit the paperwork to receive this benefit. FPPA puts in \$4200 per year to go along with LAFPD's \$5,000 we put in each year. Proposal to raise to \$350.00 made by Director O'Dwyer. As long as we do a minimum of 5,000 the FPPA will contribute. Anything lower than that, the FPPA will not contribute. Director Rosenberger made a motion to approve the increase to \$350.00 per firefighter. Motion seconded by Director Reimer. Motion carried.

Director Kappel is going to check into the current death benefit.

### **Other Business**

Captain Nielson is going to contact the Hub City Senior Center and Tammy Williams regarding the locks on the basement doors at the senior center and the safety concern of not having access.

Signing of the contract for selecting HPWC, PC as LAFPD's legal advisor.

Our IT specialist Brandon Mellott needs an updated list of employees with LAFPD and updated photos. He will be removing resigned officers and changing the accessibility permissions of the current firefighters.

Every firefighter needs to make sure that they are entering their time in I Am Responding (IAR) so that it is in before the end of the month and available when the Chief runs the hours report at the beginning of the following month, so everyone gets credited and paid for their hours.

Director Thompson reminded the department members that Sara Lancaster is the department contract bookkeeper and works under the direction of the board not the

department. Please do not call her to discuss your hours, you must talk to the Chief or the Board Treasurer who will then communicate with Sara Lancaster..

### **Chief Report**

We didn't have additional bids for the north fire bay addition besides Structures Unlimited.

CSFFA 2024 Fire College is scheduled for June 20-22, 2024 in Brush. See Flyer for details. Recruitment is improving and is encouraging.

Make sure those firefighters that need to get W-4's turned in, get it done.

\*\*Resignation Letter.

Great Job Crew!! Way to stay focused and committed. At the end of the day, the department doesn't need a fire chief to keep things going. Keep working together. Adherence to the chain of command and working together will get LAFPD's goals accomplished.

### **Firefighters Report**

**Deputy Chief Guth-** Had to purchase a new battery and a battery charger that caught on fire after trying to charge 2241. Napa is going to get batteries for the Tower truck. We need a new pressure washer to clean the vehicles after responding to fires. Old one is shot. Director Thompson gave the approval for getting prices on a new pressure washer. Perry and Guth attended the FDIC in Indianapolis, IN for training. Came back with a lot of fire training information about Leadership classes, Proper truck and crew positioning at a house fire and protocols to follow. Brought back many informational brochures and will set up a course to teach the rest of the fire department what they learned from the training. We need to have our fire extinguishers tested that we currently have and some of them need replaced. Chief Martin was going to reach out to West Metro and see if they had any extra from donated fire extinguishers that they get from the hospitals there.

**Training Coordinator Perry-** At FDIC she was able to attend classes about Electric Car rescue for towing recovery and assist as a fire department. The Administrative executives for NFIRS are going to change the process for how they are done. There was a lot of support and knowledge and experience from even the vendors at the FDIC, as most of the vendors were former firefighters. It was great to get different perspectives from fire districts as there were firefighters from all over the nation that attended FDIC. Will be giving a class on electrical cars and extraction. This is perfect timing as the Big Sandy School District in Simla, Colorado just had 3 electrical buses donated to the school.

**Captain Nielson-** Householder and Nielson are attending the Auto Ex, in Arvada, great experience so far. Will be training the other firefighters once they get done what all they have learned. Need to set up CPR training, as didn't have time to get in on the CPR training at Limon Ambulance last week on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Has found an instructor who can teach the firefighters, the cost is \$213.00 total for everyone that needs to attend. The class is May 18, 2024. Got a phone call from the Superintendent of Genoa-Hugo School District inviting LAFPD to attend their appreciation celebration on Monday for all of the Emergency Responders that assisted in putting out the fire that was

so close to the school last month. Working of the equipment checklist and fuel logs being kept current. LAFPD was given a whole new light bar. An oil change needs to be done on unit 11 and the oil leak needs to be looked at on the Tower truck. We will have Randy Reed look at both of these in the near future. Director Thompson was going to set this up with Randy Reed. Remember to enter time on IAS. W4's have been completed and given to Sara Lancaster our contract bookkeeper. Logan Bauree is here as a possible new recruit, would be able to be here full time during the weekdays, Monday through Friday and help out around the station. Would we consider him as he resides out of the district near Deertrail/Byers area. He is always in Limon and has a place to hang out while here if he isn't scheduled to be on duty. Board supported the decision to allow Logan Bauree to join if he would want to .Our numbers are too low to not consider someone who wants to help.\*See Sean's notes for a more details of his report\*

**Captain Householder-** We got an email from Harold Smith at Limon Ambulance that was a forwarded email from Kim Shalomburger stating that he would like to meet with us since we all share the same medical director, Dr. Angelettas. This is so the State can review our EMS response system out here. We need to reach out to Kim, and speak directly to him. Brandon Mellott asked to be included in this meeting so he can be present to share our IT support of the system. The meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 15, 2024 .

#### **Executive Session with Corrin Perry**

Director O'Dwyer moved to go into Executive session at 8:20 pm seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

Director O'Dwyer moved to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

#### **Appointment of Fire Department Administrator**

Motion made by Director O'Dwyer to appoint Corrin Perry as Chief Administrator effective May 20, 2024. Motion was seconded by Director Rosenberger. Motion carried.

Director Reimer abstained. Chief Martin will serve until May 20, 2024 when Corrin Perry can start as Chief Administrator. The Chief Administrator will be in charge of overseeing and facilitating that all administrative work is taken care of. The Deputy Chief will be responsible for the operations side of the department.

#### **The Use of the Silverado Truck**

The Silverado truck will be used solely for training trips and as a showcase vehicle for LAFPD moving forward. Everyone will have to sign out the truck so we have a record of who used it last and a no food policy will be discussed. The Tahoe can be used as a more around town vehicle if necessary.

#### **Directors Report**

**Director Kappel** - Thank you to Sean and Lagenia.

**Director Rosenberger** - Stated that he had received a text from Jillian Rosa asking if LAFPD was considering selling either of our tender trucks. If so, keep Genoa Fire District in mind as they need one. Sean Martin Thank you for all that you have done and your commitment to LAFPD this last year. Great Job! Thank you Lagenia.

**Director Reimer** - Thank you everyone for letting me serve on LAFPD fire board it has been a privilege to get to know everyone and be apart of this great organization. Best of Luck moving forward, we are on the right track.

**Director O'Dwyer** - Sean Martin Thank you for all that you have brought to LAFPD and what you did for the department. Your efforts are and will be greatly appreciated. It is great to see the comradery and enthusiasm amongst the team members.

**Director Thompson** - .Sean Martin thank you for everything that you accomplished and implemented since you got here a year ago. Both of you will be missed, we need to find a new board member to replace Lagenia,

### **Adjournment**

Director Rosenberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Seconded by Director Kappel. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting is June 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

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Lagenia Reimer, Secretary.  
Presented by Teresa O'Dwyer, Treasurer

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Kurt Thompson, President