



## **LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors**

Date: April 14, 2009

Location: LH Station IV, 7300 Lefthand Canyon Drive

Time: 6:04 PM

**Call to order:** Board President Noel Lindenmuth called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Directors present: Brian Walko, Jack Kutscher, Hildy Armour and Deb Stirling. Others present: Fred Huff, Seth Patterson, Susie Patterson and Kristi Rutledge.

#### **Old Business**

##### Minutes

Director Lindenmuth moved to approve the minutes from the 3/10/09 regular meeting of the Lefthand Board of Directors. Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director Lindenmuth moved to approve the minutes from the 3/28/09 special Board of Directors meeting.

Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – New Secretary to the Board of Directors was introduced, Kristi Rutledge.

##### Treasurer's Report

Director Walko passed out to those in attendance Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual year to date through March 2009. Director Walko noted that we have received the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of taxes from the Boulder County Treasurer.

Through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, we have received 27% of the budget and 209% of the grant income.

#### **New Business**

##### Jacobson Residence

Mr. Huff distributed copies to all present of the resolution adopted in August of 2008 applying to high hazard areas of the urban wildland interior. The Jacobson residence is not in that defined area. Director Walko asked what qualifies as a high hazard area. Mr. Huff responded that in the simplest terms it is a terrain or density of foliage and a lack of water.

Director Lindenmuth has requested a physicians report. Mrs. Jacobson has been notified of the request.

Director Stirling moved to go into an executive session of the meeting. Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board was called back to order at 6:46 p.m. from the executive session. Director Lindenmuth requested that the Jacobson residence request for a waiver be put on hold until the medical reviews that were requested have been reviewed. Director Stirling moved to pass the motion. Director Walko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Other New Business**

Health Club Membership Update - Director Stirling received results from the health club survey. There are 16 adults and 5 kids who are interested in a health club membership. Each of the clubs being considered have standard rates. Lefthand members will receive a discount because we are considered county or state employees. Lakeshore and Flatirons Athletic Clubs would like to have the opportunity to put a membership



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plan together for Lefthand Fire Protection District Members. Lakeshore Athletic Club also offered to design a workout program, specifically for our firefighters and their families. Flatirons Athletic Club has offered to match any programs being offered by other clubs. Director Stirling is compiling an assessment of location, fees and services offered by each club. She is working on having this completed in the next few days.

### **Chief's Monthly Report**

Monthly Chief's report was sent via email to all Board Members. In summary:

Olde Stage Fire, January 7, 2009:

- Leatherman tools have been purchased for all the firefighters for assisting with the Olde Stage Fire.
- The tools will be engraved as well and distributed in the coming weeks with a thank you letter.

Agency Cooperation:

- The multi-casualty scenario event has been re-scheduled from March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- This event will be held in Jamestown Park.

Mitigation:

- We continue to progress with these efforts. Tom Stoffel has been leading the crews.
- Over 400 piles have been burned to date.
- The Level 1 fire restrictions have been lifted as of 12pm, Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The hiring process has started for the mitigation crew. Several resumes have been received, including many from within the Department.
- The purchase of the chipper will be handed over to the Mitigation Coordinator. We should keep looking at auction houses and be ready to make a payment. A resolution was made to give authority to a board member who attends an auction to spend \$25,000 (on an exceptional basis go \$1,000 over that amount). Director Stirling moved to approve the resolution. Director Walko, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously. Note: The authority to sign the check is hereby given to the board member who accompanies the employee or member from Lefthand who will be attending an auction. The treasurer or President of the Board are authorized for the 1<sup>st</sup> signature and the attending board member would now be authorized to sign in the amount as stated above.

Calls of note in March:

- A structure fire occurred at the Conifer Hill subdivision in S. St. Vrain. Lefthand was toned first as the primary response agency. Allenspark responded to this call as well. The house was a complete loss. The house was not within our response area.

Mutual Aid agreements:

- A copy of the Denver Metro Mutual Aid Agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Huff. He has approved the Board to sign the agreement.
- Chief Patterson is currently renegotiating the Colorado Resource Rate Forms. These are the rates that are paid for engines for any use we are re-paid for responding to fires. We may be able to be re-imbursed for the Olde Stage Fire. These are rates that are negotiated with the State for our engines. Vehicles that are not in service cannot be negotiated. Therefore, LeRoy will need to be re-added next fall.

### Adjournment

Director Walko moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Stirling 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Rutledge, Secretary, LHFPD