LRFB Public Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting held using *Go To Meeting* Online Meeting Platform

4:30 pm. July 21, 2022

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**Fire Board Members:**

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X John Noll - Chairperson

X Phil Hagen – member

X Jim Schmelzle – member

X David Weeks – clerk

A David Mowen – member

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1. **Member Roll Call / Quorum Established / Call Meeting To Order**

Meeting was called to order with a Quorum present @ 4:34pm.

1. **Call to Public** No members of the public were present.
2. **Review Meeting Minutes**

One correction was made to the minutes related to a comment Phil Hagen made: regarding the need to change the meeting time and date on the Fire District website when meetings are rescheduled and a new time has been announced on a revised and posted agenda. Phil Hagen made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; David Weeks seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

1. **Old Business**

A memo requesting support for an emergency equipment access survey was drafted by the Fire District and sent to the OA Board for their review with a request that it be sent to all owners. The memo was sent by Adam Whitman on 7/21.

A discussion was held by the Board as to how to proceed with the survey. It was decided that Jim Schmelzle will contact the Fire Department and arrange for a drive-around survey to be conducted with Board representatives on LR roads (OA and private) to determine if there are any access issues that could affect emergency response.

For any properties that are identified as having potential access issues, the Fire District will provide those owners with that information and allow them the opportunity to meet with Fire Department personal to discuss potential remedies.

A brief discussion of the 2022-2023 Budget was held. The budget was approved in a previous meeting as long as certain entries (revenues, expenditures and tax rate) did not change more than 20%. That is still the case, although a mistake in the State’s budget spreadsheet did change some of the other numbers by more than that amount. The corrected budget workbook will be submitted in the next few days.

The filling of expiring Board seats was discussed. Three people (Jim Schmelzle, Steve Vargas and John Noll) turned in paperwork with the County for the three expiring seats, so that it is anticipated that Board of Supervisors will appoint rather than require an election to fill these seats.

1. **New Business**A letter was received from Coconino County Attorney William P. Ring on June 30, 2022 concerning the continued arrangement to have the Coconino County Attorney’s office represent the Lockett Ranches Fire District in future legal matters related to Fire District business. The terms and conditions for that representation were spelled out in the letter, which is attached to these minutes for the record.

David Weeks moved to accept the offer of representation as defined in the letter. Jim Schmeltzle seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

1. **Open Forum**.  
   No other issues were brought forward for discussion.
2. **Adjournment** A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 5:01 pm.
3. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be August 18, 2022 @ 4:30 pm via the *Go To Meeting* platform.