

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEVADA

May 4, 2009

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session with Chairman Paul Mathews calling the meeting to order at 10:22. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Trustees Tommy Rowe, Ronda Hornbeck, Paul Mathews, Ed Higbee, and Bill Lloyd being present. There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 4-23-09 to comply with the open meeting law. Fire Chief Rick Stever is present.

#2-MINUTES

Ronda made a motion to approve the March 16, 2009 minutes; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.

#3-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick advised that he and Ronda attended a meeting in Ely with the fire cooperators in our area that LC might be working with in the future. There will be another meeting concerning agreements in the very near future. BLM, USFS, NDF, NPS, FWS, Panaca, Ely and Lund fire services were present at this meeting. There was a discussion concerning a potential agreement between LC and FWS; this is an agreement that LC has not had in the past.

#4-GRANT APPLICATION FROM DOI/NDF

This issue concerns a grant application from Department of Interior and NV Division of Forestry (NDF) (maximum award is \$20,000 per department with a 10% match). Application due date is the end of June. The award won't be granted until after July and there are a variety of ways to come up with the match. During the life of the grant you have to show that you have the match. The 10% doesn't have to exist from the immediate start. People are usually good about paying their taxes, but there is no guarantee that the money won't just trickle in. The grant can be awarded, but the money doesn't have to be spent immediately. Rick has been gathering information about trailers with water tanks on them and a small pump. These tanks would be placed in areas like Mt. Wilson. 500 gallon tanks cost approximately \$5,000; this includes everything from tank, trailer to hose. 1600 gallon is approximately \$12,000, and these can be highway certified so that they may be moved on the highway. Rick has also been looking at a water tender. \$157,000 will purchase a used 2009 water tender. Tommy suggested Rick have a fund raiser. Rick will get a 500 and 1600 gallon tank. Paul asked what Rick what these trailer/tank combinations will be pulled with. There is some discussion about the need to purchase at least a one ton truck. The trailers will be left in the outlying areas. Rick advised that there are three grants available between now and the end of June. **Ronda made a motion to approve the grant application; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

#5-GRANT APPLICATION TO NV STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

This item concerns a grant application to Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for United We Stand Grant (county-wide is \$30,000 for all departments with no required match). This grant will be presented at LEPC meeting tomorrow night. No action is taken.

#6-BURN DAYS

Under the current county ordinance no burning is allowed unless endorsed by the town boards and County Commission. Ronda stated that there is a lot of agriculture to be taken into consideration and asked if the ranchers will have to request permission prior to burning; no, there is an exemption. Paul advised that he tells the Panaca Fire District when he is going to burn. Legal fire burning dates are the second Saturday of each month with the exception of June, July and August, according to the guidelines for Panaca. These burn days, as set today, will only apply to LCFD not the rest of the county. Regardless of whether or not burn days are set individuals are still responsible. Tommy suggested that people just need to call Rick's office in advance of burning. Ronda suggested that something be printed in the paper concerning the need to call and giving Rick's number out. **Ronda made a motion directing the LC Fire District Chief to create a press release for the public concerning the requirement for all entities who intend to burn to call/notify the LCFD, regardless of whether it's Ag or yard; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#7-PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

#8-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Ronda made a motion adjourn the meeting at 10:46; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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