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## November 15, 2023 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Google Meet and held in person at 5 Centerpointe, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room.

### **In Attendance:**

Grant Howell, Bret Hanson, Sherry Patterson, Allen Patterson, Jon Harrell, Fire Chief Don Johnson, Michelle Cushing

### **Business:**

1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the General Board meeting on October 18, 2023.
  - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. Bret and Jon abstained as they were not present at this meeting. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Don Johnson joined the meeting tonight.
  - a. The Chief stated the Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD) has entered into contract to purchase a new fire engine. The fire engine will take about 4 years to build and customize. The price of the new engine is over \$ 1,000,000.
  - b. The Chief shared with the Board that LOFD had just received a grant from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). House Bill 2397 - The Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program is established by the Department of Human Services. There are approximately 2,500 senior citizens in Lake Oswego. The purpose of the program is to select, provide funding to and monitor local public sector pilot projects that provide innovative strategies for addressing the emergency medical services needs of the State of Oregon's increasing number of aging residents who receive care and services in residential care facilities and long-term care facilities.
4. Board goals for fiscal year 2023-2024
  - a. Sherry has been working on seismic gas shutoff valves. Seismic gas shutoff valve devices automatically shut off the gas to your home when an earthquake happens. Without one, earthquakes could damage your gas line, causing leaks, fires, explosions, injury, and even death. Seismic gas shutoff valve installation must be done by a qualified natural gas plumber.
  - b. Allen has been gathering information on home fire sprinkler systems. He plans to reach out to the California legislator who was able to get through the California Assembly and get laws on the books for home fire sprinkler systems.
  - c. Bret proposed mailing a postcard or pamphlet to residents educating them on propane tanks and the potential blast if a tank were to explode. Awareness and do and don't around propane. Bret would ask LOFD for their thoughts and input prior to mailing out to the residents.

- d. Jon has been helping the Board stay on task and to follow the time limits for each topic on the monthly agenda.
  - e. Grant would like to continue to work and support LOFD's various programs and initiatives. HB2397 that the Fire Chief mentioned earlier tonight may provide opportunities for LGFD.
  - f. Michelle reached out to both Southwood Park and Lake Forest neighborhood associations. She asked when their next Board meetings were and provided the dates for the LGFD monthly Board meetings thru June 2024. Michelle will further report at the next LGFD Board meeting.
5. Financial Report
- a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
    - 1. Jon moved to pay the bills as presented; Bret seconded the motion.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. Both bank reconciliations were completed for October 31, 2023. Grant and Sherry reviewed and approved these bank reconciliations.
6. Allen and Sherry attended the OFDDA Conference in Seaside earlier in November. They were very pleased with the conference and gathered a lot of valuable information. They met attendees and vendors from all over the State of Oregon.
7. Safety Update
- a. Grant asked the Board members present if they were aware of any safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.