

North Lyon County Fire Protection District
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MINUTES

NORTH LYON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 12, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1800.

Directors present included Paul Murphy, Michael Toombs, Jay Rodriguez, and Debbie Skinner. Director Wheeler was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Rodriguez. A moment of silence followed.

2. Public Comment: No action will be taken on any subject during public participation until it has been properly placed on an Agenda for a subsequent meeting. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker, nor allocated to another speaker. The public may comment on any matter that is not specially included on an agenda as an action item or comment on a specific agenda item. Items not included on the agenda cannot be acted upon other than to place them on a future agenda.

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA* All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board of North Lyon County Fire Protection District with one action, and without an extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.

3a. Review and approve of Board Agenda

3b. Review & Approve Board Minutes

3c. Review of Summary Reports

Director Rodriguez made a motion to approve CONSENT AGENDA.

Director Toombs seconded the motion.

The motion carries as follows: 4-0-1

Murphy	Aye	Wheeler	Absent
Toombs	Aye		
Rodriguez	Aye		
Skinner	Aye		

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4. Discussion and possible action regarding Revenues and Expenditures*

4a. Enterprise Revenue and Expenditures

4b. General Fund and Expenditures

Chairman Murphy shared that Mrs. Kasey Miller would not be present for tonight's meeting due to a family emergency and asked if these items had been published prior. Mrs. Shannon Moffett stated that they did not, due to the sudden urgency Mrs. Miller was not at work to gather that information.

Director Skinner added that she did not see #3-3c.-Summary Reports, in the packet. Chairman Murphy stated that in the previous minutes, we would have to have those pushed back into the packet. They do exist, but we do not have them published in the packet. Director Toombs suggested modifying the motion to approve the agenda by removing agenda item #4. Director Skinner added that #3c. is part of that as well. Chairman Murphy stated that he thinks it would be appropriate to modify.

Director Rodriguez stated that he rescinded his motion, and Director Toombs added that he rescinded his second. Chairman Murphy stated that we have rescinded the previous vote on the Consent Agenda, and at this time it would be most appropriate to table both Item #3 and #4 until we have them both included in our next packets. All Board Members discussed, and Director Rodriguez stated that he would make a new motion.

Director Rodriguez made a motion to approve CONSENT AGENDA, 3a. and 3b.

Director Rodriguez is also making a motion to table agenda item #3c. and agenda item #4.

Director Toombs seconded the motion.

The motion carries as follows: 4-0-1

Murphy	Aye	Wheeler	Absent
Toombs	Aye		
Rodriguez	Aye		
Skinner	Aye		

5. Discussion and possible action regarding use of Fire District property by Rotary Club of Fernley for the upcoming community events*

Mr. Roy Edgington and Mrs. Betsy Sipes, with the Rotary Club, stated that in the past we have done a Thanksgiving dinner and Breakfast with the Grinch here at the fire station. They are asking if the fire department would continue to help and let them use the facility. Mr. Edgington explained that the fire station is the only place available. Mrs. Sipes shared that Breakfast with

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the Grinch is typically the first Saturday in December, but she added that they would like to get it added to their calendar very soon to get planning underway.

Chief Bunn shared that he spoke with staff, and they are not interested in being involved with these events. He added that his philosophy as the Fire Chief is that it is a holiday and the crew can't be at home on holiday, and his expectation is for the crew to relax and have their families here at the station. Chief Bunn added that he is not opposed to them using the whole west end of the building since we've already moved our equipment to reduce response times already. He stated that the station is the crew's house for their 48-hour shift, and he does not want to interrupt that, especially on a holiday. He is fully supportive of the facility and however we can accommodate that, but he does not support interrupting their house.

Chairman Murphy let the Rotary Club know that they could use the station but keep the firefighter's home off limits and asked them how else we could help to make this happen without using the kitchen. Mrs. Betsy Sipes added that they would need access to some sort of sink. There was discussion about several ways to cook turkeys, keep food warm, and have hand-washing stations to make these events possible. Mr. Roy Edgington stated that they would find another location to host the Thanksgiving dinner. He added that he would like to continue to have Breakfast with the Grinch at the station, but his concern is being able to use the public restrooms in the bays. Chief Bunn and Mr. John Renaud agreed to the use of the restrooms in the bays, as long as they are not in the living quarters. Chairman Murphy added that December 7th is the first Saturday available to host Breakfast with the Grinch and Mrs. Sipes stated that she would have to go back to the club to confirm that everybody is on board with all of these changes and doing it differently. Chairman Murphy added that if there are other needs, to feel free to ask because we want to help keep it going because it is a big deal. The living quarters are the only area that cannot be used, and if there are any other ways we can help accommodate, we will. Chief Bunn added that Mrs. Sipes can contact him within the week regarding hosting the Grinch at the station. Chairman Murphy stated that tentatively December 7th starting at 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and cleaned up and out of the building by 1 p.m.

Chief Bunn and Chairman Murphy asked Mr. Edgington how they could help make it possible to host the Thanksgiving dinner at the station. Mr. Edgington shared that his concern is not having access to an actual kitchen and keeping it safe and healthy. President of the Rotary Club, William Shaddock shared that the Health Department, when dealing with poultry has gotten finicky guidelines. He added that reheating stations are not as good as bringing it to temperature and then serving it right away. He is asking the Board to approve the Rotary Club to use the facility for both events for outside living quarters and if they decide not to use it for the Thanksgiving dinner, there will be no harm and no foul. Chairman Murphy stated that the only change is not using the living quarters and if there is anything to help accommodate beyond that, he is asking them to just ask. Chairman Murphy stated that they will set the dates tentatively for

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Thanksgiving Day, November 28th from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., and December 7th for Breakfast with the Grinch.

Director Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Rotary Club to tentatively use the facility for the Thanksgiving dinner on November 28th from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., and the Grinch Breakfast on December 7th from 6 a.m. – 1 p.m., minus the living quarters.

Director Skinner seconded the motion.

The motion carries as follows: 4-0-1

Murphy	Aye	Wheeler	Absent
Rodriguez	Aye		
Toombs	Aye		
Skinner	Aye		

Mr. Roy Edington asked Chief Bunn if he had any issues with the cadets helping with these events, and he responded that he did not. Chief Bunn added that he is going to reach out to vendors regarding portable sinks, hot water, etc.

6. Discussion and possible action to enter in an agreement for ambulance billing services with OOSOSHARP, LLC dba Sharp Ambulance Billing*

Chief Bunn shared that we are dissolving our agreement with First Professional, effective October 10, 2024. He stated that OOSOSHARP is 2% less and they do their hard collections internally and have about a 3%-5% no-pay. He added that several Northern Nevada agencies are using this company, and everyone is happy with them. Chief Bunn shared that this is a one-year trial. Chairman Murphy asked if they were asking for a percentage of what we send out or what we get back, and Chief Bunn responded, only returned. Chairman Murphy stated that we've already committed to moving away from the previous billing company, and a one-year trial seems fair to give them a shot.

Chief Bunn explained that with the current billing company, anything that they don't get a collection on goes to NBF in Carson City, which hard collects, and they keep 50%.

Director Rodriguez made a motion to approve the billing service with OOSOSHARP, LLC dba Sharp Ambulance Billing.

Director Toombs seconded the motion.

The motion reads as follows: 4-0-1

Murphy	Aye	Wheeler	Absent
Toombs	Aye		
Rodriguez	Aye		
Skinner	Aye		

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7. Fire Chief Report

Chief Bunn had an update on the ambulance purchase. He explained that through the ARPA Funds from the Federal Government that were distributed to the counties, the Lyon County Commissioners earmarked \$300,000.00 specifically for an ambulance for the North Lyon County Protection District. He stated that we have to be locked into an agreement for purchase by December 31, 2024, and it must be delivered and paid for by December 31, 2026. He added that the cost is probably going to be about \$330,000.00, but that is 2 years out. Chief Bunn stated that they guarantee delivery from July 1st to December 31st under a contract.

Chief Bunn shared that he spoke with the Union today, and we are going to be looking at getting new health insurance that is much better for everyone, and hopefully a lot cheaper. He added that we will be looking at the IAFF insurance after speaking with Chief Harvey at Central Lyon, who jumped on about 2 years ago and he stated that the biggest mistake he made was not jumping on 5 years ago. Chief Bunn stated that he would be bringing this back before the 1st of the year.

Chief Bunn shared that we have been busy with Wildland all over the Western US. We have been doing crew rotations since July 1st, and our engines responded to several fires with structures threatened and lost. He added that we still have a Type 6 on the Davis fire right now. He stated that he is done with his commitment for the year responding to national fires. Chief Bunn wanted to thank our career staff for their continued dedication to serving, whether it is responding to the fires or covering at the station. Everyone is doing a phenomenal job.

Chief Bunn shared that we just deposited the third Ad Valorem check.

8. Reports of Directors, Fire Marshal, Staff, Volunteers, Local 4547, City of Fernley

Director Skinner thanked all staff for all of their hard work. She added that she serves on the Board of the Senior Advisory Committee for the City of Fernley. She stated that they like to have guests come in and share projects or services they can offer the community. She shared that they had an event at the Senior Center, and Captain McCoy was there with Vials of Life. The Senior Center had asked if it would be possible to have a representative from the district go every other month. In addition, we need to let people know about the Ambulance Program that we offer.

Director Rodriguez added that he is grateful for everyone working so hard on all of the surrounding fires.

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Director Toombs shared that at the last City Council meeting, the cities Special Use Permit was discussed, and it was a robust conversation between staff and citizens. He added that he is not

sure where that is going, but they are a one-stop shop for their special use permit. The major issue is the fee structure that they set up for that, and it wasn't very well. Director Toombs added that he was an Agency Administrator, and he knows the decision process when it comes to ordering in a team to manage an incident. He stated that he has a deep appreciation for the community's appreciation for what the firefighters do.

Chairman Murphy – None.

Mr. Stephen Emery shared that he has been helping Fire Marshal Tim Myers.

Staff- None.

Volunteer- Mrs. Becki Howlett shared that Rehab does take Ambulance Saver packets with them to events and will add Vials of Life as well. She added that 5 volunteers took agility tests on Monday, and all 5 passed and we now have a bigger group of volunteers.

Local 4547- Mr. John Renaud shared that the IAFF International Conference was held at the end of August. During that conference, the entire International voted unanimously on the resolution put forward by Local 4547 for the censorship of the former Fire Chief, Jason Nicholl. He added that he has been censored at the state and international level.

City of Fernley- None.

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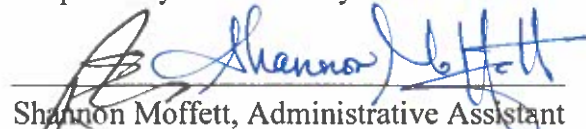
10. Adjournment*

Chairman Murphy adjourned at 1854.

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NOTE(s): All items indicated by an asterisk (“*”) were Action Items. A complete and detailed record of this meeting was recorded on Micro SD Recorder September 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by:


 Shannon Moffett, Administrative Assistant
 North Lyon County Fire Protection District

October 16, 2024
 Date

Approval of Minutes
 September 12, 2024

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
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 Paul Murphy, Chairman
 North Lyon County Fire Protection District

October 16, 2024
 Date