



# LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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## MINUTES

October 8th, 2024

**OPENING:** Tony Madrigal called the regular meeting of the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 5:07 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Arnie Mello, Skip Lucier, Tony Madrigal, Nancy Stipe and Tom Herman

**MINUTES:** Motion to accept the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes: Skip Lucier 1<sup>st</sup>; Nancy Stipe 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report: Arnie Mello 1<sup>st</sup>; Tom Herman 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS: FEE SCHEDULE:** Chief Eric Alvarez reported Matt Keizer has been out of the office. He added that he and Michelle are working on the documents needed, such as previous ordinances, to give to Matt when he requests them. Skip Lucier asked if there was a requirement for monitored systems. Chief Alvarez stated not at this time, but Matt Keizer will help update the criteria for a monitored system. Tony Madrigal added that when businesses are not monitored, a fire can occur, and no one will know, especially at night. If monitored, a smoke detector will alert the system, and 911 will be notified, therefore quicker response. Chief Alvarez added that there are many false alarms, such as vaping in bathrooms, that we are called to as well.

**NEW DUTY RIG:** Chief Alvarez reported that a new transmission was installed for the new 5401 under warranty. The new duty rig is back on the road and has no issues yet. Tony Madrigal added that new tires were ordered for Engine 5469 and should be here at the end of the month. Chief Alvarez added that



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CalFIRE is switching out its tires to Michelin as it is having issues with Continental as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Staff would like to do a board workshop with board members in January or February.

**BILLS:** Motion to pay bills: Tom Herman, 1<sup>st</sup>; Skip Lucier, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TRAINING REPORT:** Chief Alvarez reported that as of 10/08/2024, there have been 1026 accumulative hours of training. The last drill consisted of ground ladders, with 17 people in attendance. Ropes will be at the end of the month.

**FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC. REPORT:** Harry So reported he set up a booth for the Harvest Moon festival in September and volunteered for the dunk tank for a Sherwood School fundraiser. There are six new firefighters, and there has been an excellent turnout for drills. The firefighters will host a haunted house for Halloween at Station 54 this year.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Alvarez reported 50 calls in September and 613 calls to date. On September 3rd, 2024, Little Lake Fire assisted with the Masonite Fire in Ukiah. On 9/8/2024, we had a strike team sent to the Boyles Fire. On 9/12/2024, Engine 5469 was sent to Southern California for the Bridge Fire. Chief Alvarez attended the chiefs meeting earlier in the day, and upgrading the radios for the fire departments was discussed. Chief Alvarez said staff will look into Starlink for service in remote areas. Chief Alvarez also reported that staff is gearing up for yearly school and hotel/motel inspections. Deputy Chief Thomen is installing a new turbocharger in Rescue 5430.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Tony Madrigal

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Tony Madrigal, Chairman

*Michelle Schnitzius*

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Michelle Schnitzius, Secretary/Treasurer



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