



LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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MINUTES

July 9th, 2024

- OPENING:** Tony Madrigal called the regular meeting of the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 5:03 PM.
- ROLL CALL:** Present: Arnie Mello, Skip Lucier, Nancy Stipe and Tom Herman
Tony Madrigal arrived at 5:43PM
- MINUTES:** Motion to accept the June 11th, 2024 minutes: Arnie Mello 1st; Tom Herman 2nd.
Motion to accept the June 26th, 2024 Special Minutes: Arnie Mello 1st; Tom Herman 2nd.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report: Tom Herman, 1st; Arnie Mello, 2nd.
- CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Max Meyer informed the board he is not happy with an abatement situation on the adjoining property where his home is located. Max stated he has spoken to CalFIRE and the Board of Supervisors and has had no luck. Max stated that CalFIRE was and never came out to his property. Max is very concerned about fires and has a building with irreplaceable treasures. Skip Lucier asked if the neighbor was encroaching on his property. Max stated that the neighboring blackberries were over 10 feet tall and taller than his shop. Max asked if there was a program to help with cleanup. Michelle Schnitzius asked Supervisor Haschak if Mendocino Fire Safe Council had such a program. Haschak stated the county has a fuel abatement ordinance that the county will be revisiting. Just that day, Haschak announced they were able to obtain a grant to assist with abatement. Tom Herman added the Mendocino Fire Safe Council has a program but will need permission from the property owner. John Haschak will follow through and contact Mendocino Fire Safe Council.



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OLD BUSINESS: **FEE SCHEDULE:** Michelle Schnitzius is having a difficult time communicating with the new company recommended by Blair Aas for a Nexus Study. Michelle has contacted them a few times and has not heard back. Tom Herman asked if other districts used a Nexus Study. Michelle is unsure and will follow through.

INTERWEST: Chief Alvarez was not in attendance. Table until next meeting.

CALCARD: Michelle Schnitzius announced the new credit cards have been received and are in use.

NEW BUSINESS: **NONE**

BILLS: Motion to pay bills: Tom Herman 1st; Nancy Stipe 2nd.

TRAINING REPORT: Jeff Donaldson was not in attendance.

FIRE MARSHAL: Chief Eric Alvarez was not in attendance.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC. REPORT: Michelle Schnitzius reported a great turnout of volunteers for the 4th of July festivities. The association open house will be August 10th, 2024. Nancy Stipe asked what was happening at the open house. Aaron Branscomb stated corn hole, a bounce house, and activities for kids.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Alvarez was not in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Tony Madrigal

Tony Madrigal, Chairman

Michelle Schnitzius

Michelle Schnitzius, Secretary/Treasurer

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