Members Present:

Board Chair Jeff Swanty  Councilor John Fogle
Fire Chief Mark Miller  Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
City Manager Bill Cahill  Rural Board President Dave Legits
Assistant City Attorney Tree Ablao  Division Chief Ned Sparks
Rural Board Secretary Greg White  BSC Roylene Sterkel
Public Safety Admin. Dir. Renee Wheeler

Members Absent:

BC Greg Ward

Visitors:
Communications Specialist Kristen Owen
Communications Specialist Erin Berry
Attorney Emily Powell
Attorney Dino Ross
FRAC Vice-Chairman Bob Boggio
Mike McKenna
BC Tim Smith
BC Jason Starck
Captain Greg Gilbert

Call to Order:

Chairman Swanty called the Fire & Rescue Authority Board meeting to order on the above date at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

1. Consider the minutes from the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Board for the May 27, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. City Manager Cahill seconded the motion and it carried.
Regular Agenda:

2. Presentation from the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting.

Chief Miller introduced Matt Branch as the Northeast Regional Fire Management Officer with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Mr. Branch said that he is responsible for 11 counties in Colorado. One of his duties is to aid with technical support for any event that his assistance is requested. He talked about the apparatus that is available locally if needed. He did a presentation about the State of Colorado’s Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA) program. The primary mission of the program is to provide near real time information to ground forces during initial attack on wildfires. The aircraft is available free to agencies for the 1st operational period by calling 303-279-8855. There may be a charge if the aircraft is needed for an extended period of time.

Mr. Branch also talked about the Colorado Wildfire Information System (CO-WIMS) which is a mapping database that displays incident images and details to local fire manager through a web based application. The software is available throughout the state and is free of charge to agencies.

Chief Miller talked about how fortunate we are to have this capability available to us.

Mr. Branch said that the Division of Fire Prevention and Control has 109 FTE’s with about ½ of those being with the inspection division. There are ten Fire Management Officers in the State of Colorado.

3. Presentation from the City of Loveland Communications Center.

Communications Specialist Kristen Owen and Erin Berry talked about the 2011 remodel of the Communication Center which is now considered state-of-the-art. There are eight consoles in the Center with two more located in the CEOC area. Dispatch covers 256 sq. miles and approximately 270,000 people. The Loveland Emergency Communications Center is 1 of only 166 accredited centers worldwide. The Center was one of the first communication centers in the area to take 9-1-1 text messages. Kristin and Erin shared a Power Point presentation summarizing how they handle all the different types of calls that come in and played some video of actual calls into dispatch.

Chief Miller said that the dispatchers are the “un-sung heroes” for emergency services. City Manager Cahill spoke highly of the work that our dispatchers do every day.

4. Review Briefing Papers and Correspondence.

- Chief Miller reported that the Fire Authorities social media outlets have increased visitors significantly with the period between June 1-7 having an outreach of 240,000 and engaged 44,000 contacts.

- Chief Miller talked about the CSD realignment. One of the Deputy Fire Marshals title changed to Public Affairs Officer and will be involved more with PIO activities, Facebook and Twitter and public education. With the salary savings CSD will be hiring a part-time Fire Inspector to help with that aspect since the work load in that area is 3 times greater then last year.

- Chief Miller reminded everyone about the 4th of July breakfast at Fire Station 2 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Chief Miller said the Authority is becoming more involved with Fracking activities in the area because of the Title 18 Revisions.

5. **Board Member New Business/Feedback.**

None

6. **Any Other Business for Board Consideration.**

None

7. **Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (c) to receive advice of legal counsel and to discuss a matter subject to negotiation.**

Chairman Swanty moved that the LFRA Board go into executive session, as authorized in CRS §§24-6-402(4) (b), (4)(e), and 4(f).

This executive session will concern the following matters as authorized by the following sections of the Colorado Open Meetings Law:

- Personnel matters pursuant to CRS § 24-6-402(4) (f) specific to a proposed contract for the fire chief; and
- Determining strategy and instructing negotiators relative to the personnel matter pursuant to CRS § 24-6-402(4) (e); and
- As needed, to receive legal advice as authorized in CRS §24-6-402(4)(b) with respect to the personnel matter and negotiation strategy and a legal services proposal between the City and the LFRA.

Councilor Fogle seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board went into executive session at 2:20 p.m.

The executive session was concluded at 3:50 p.m. on June 24, 2015

No further items were discussed and Chairman Swanty adjourned the regular meeting at 3:52 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Sterkel*