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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 8, 2014

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA

Members Present: Beveridge, Brown, Day, Rutkowski, and Shaw  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Chief Maniaci, Secretary/ Administrative Assistant Grossblatt,  
Volunteer Sobian Spring

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Brown mentioned that the County Assessor's office gave a presentation on property tax assessments at the recent RPAC meeting. He briefly discussed the key points of the presentation.

2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. None.

3. Approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2014 regular meeting and the minutes of the September 22, 2014 emergency meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY BEVERIDGE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY DAY, SECONDED BY BEVERIDGE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 EMERGENCY MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. Sobian Spring gave a brief update on the volunteers. She mentioned that various jacket sizes will be available for everyone to try on. Elections for the new association board members are on-going. Trainings are going well and the volunteers appreciate the recent purchase of the loader. In discussing the upcoming open house/recruitment events, she indicated that there was a disconnect between the role of the volunteers and their responsibility for recruiting new members. She mentioned that guidance from the Commissioners regarding this issue would be appreciated. Several volunteers were involved in the installation of the new siren. Finally, several ideas were discussed regarding outreach to the local community, including a quarterly newsletter.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. We have had nine calls since the last meeting. Four calls were for medical aides; two calls were for wild land fires; two calls were for vehicle accidents; and one call was for a tractor trailer fire on the 395 grade.

Chief Maniaci mentioned that the Christmas party was scheduled for Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Maniaci indicated that there will be a joint training with other Districts sometime before the end of the year.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. We have two new volunteers that have recently joined the department.

(b) Airport. More flights will be starting up in mid-December (San Diego, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Denver 1x per week).

(c) Geothermal. No update.

(d) Maintenance. The siren has been installed, but has not been powered up as of yet. Painting bids were received for several outside areas around the fire station. The loader has been paid for and is now in the possession of the District. It will be added to our insurance policy and be prepped for the upcoming winter season. Research on a possible new water tender is being compiled. The monument rock work at Convict Lake will be repaired soon.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Secretary Grossblatt briefly discussed the increased assessments in the recent property tax bills.

6. Discuss ERAF. No update. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Secretary Grossblatt noted that a check in the amount of \$6,224 was received from Mono County for the Benton Crossing Landfill fire response. These monies were allocated to foam related expenses and fireman's wages. He then noted that the cost of the new siren was reflected in line item 209. The liability insurance and rescue engine invoices were recently paid. The 321 Capital Account reflects a zero balance due to the purchase of the loader. Monies transferred from the 320 Operating account to pay for the loader have also been noted on the balance sheet. Finally, the annual firefighter's payroll will be processed next month.

8. Consideration of moving forward with a new set of bylaws. Secretary Grossblatt passed out a detailed draft of the bylaws for everyone's review. This draft utilized several different sets of bylaws from other fire districts based in the State of California. He noted

that the conflict of interest section in the draft has been reviewed and edited by the County Counsel's office. After discussing the bylaws, the Board decided to review the draft in detail over the next month and discuss at the next meeting with the goal of having the District's attorney review the final draft. Carry over to the next agenda.

9. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.

10. Solar modifications. We are still looking into the Mono County grant program. Chief Maniaci has also contacted the High Sierra Energy Foundation for input into the process. On a side note, it was recommended that new insulation be added to certain areas of the fire station. Carry over to the next agenda

11. New Business. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that Michelle Wagner has asked to work with Bill Wagner regarding weekly janitorial services at the Station. He indicated that he agreed to this change under the provision that janitorial services would improve immediately.

12. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. Consideration of developing new bylaws; ERAF; solar modifications.

13. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Michael Grossblatt  
Secretary to the Board