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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2014

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA

Members Present: Brown, Day, Rutkowski, and Shaw  
Members Absent: Beveridge  
Others Present: Chief Maniaci, Secretary/ Administrative Assistant Grossblatt

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Day mentioned that additional funding was available from the State of California for bandwidth infrastructure.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. None.
3. Administer the "Oath of Office" for John Rutkowski and Sharon Shaw. Both Mr. Rutkowski and Ms. Shaw took the "Oath of Office" which was administered by Secretary Grossblatt. It was noted that their terms as Commissioners expire in November 2018.
4. Elect the Vidar Anderson Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. Commissioner Shaw was nominated to continue her role as the Vidar Anderson Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER SHAW AS THE VIDAR ANDERSON CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED 4-0. Commissioner Brown was then nominated as the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY SHAW, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER BROWN AS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
5. Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

6. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. No Volunteers were present at the meeting.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. We have had three calls since the last meeting. One call was for a medical aide and the other two calls were for wild land fires.

Chief Maniaci mentioned that Disneyland tickets were purchased for John Kakado and his family as a thank you for his efforts in developing the District's new website.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. We have one new prospect that will be joining the volunteer force.

(b) Airport. All winter related flights will be starting up on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

(c) Geothermal. No update.

(d) Maintenance. The siren has been installed and powered up, but is not operational. Additional work is needed to get the radio frequencies in sync with the "run-up" and "run down" cycle of the siren.

The SCBA grant was re-established thanks to efforts from the Wheeler Crest Fire District.

Chief Maniaci continues to work on available grants for a water tender as outlined in our Capital Improvement Plan.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Secretary Grossblatt mentioned that our workers compensation premium was reduced by \$1,900 for the current policy year. The reduction was due to the District's excellent safety record and lack of claims filed with S.C.I.F. All workers compensation procedures have been posted in the Dispatch office. He also mentioned that first aid claims now have to be reported to S.C.I.F. The annual workers compensation audit has been completed and the annual financial audit with Tom Neely is on-going. W-2's will be sent out in January. Commissioner Brown took the opportunity under the Secretary's report to mention that he attended the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District's monthly meeting last month and provided a brief update of what was going on in their District.

6. Discuss ERAF. Leslie Chapman has received the additional information (the 1989-90 and 1991-92 state reports) from the State and will be reviewing in the near future. Contact with our state representatives in the form of written correspondence will hopefully be forthcoming in the coming months. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Secretary Grossblatt noted that line item 104 “firefighter wages” is in the red due to the pending reimbursement from the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the ARFF coverage billing. Additionally, we are over budget in line item 214 “special district expenses” due to the purchase of the jackets. There were no other items of note to brief the Board on regarding the budget.
8. Consideration of moving forward with a new set of bylaws. Carry over to the next agenda.
9. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.
10. Solar modifications. Chief Maniaci has received information from SCE regarding billing reimbursements for infrastructure improvements. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that the SCE program would benefit the district. The District will proceed with minor energy efficiency improvements over time. Remove this item from future agendas until more information is received.
11. New Business. Chief Maniaci introduced a draft MOU with Mono County in regards to future call responses at the Benton Crossing Landfill. After a brief discussion, the Board raised several questions regarding the structure of the MOU and the possible inclusion of other agencies as signatories. It was agreed that this issue may be agendaized at a later date.
12. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; consideration of a new set of bylaws.
13. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Michael Grossblatt  
Secretary to the Board