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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ON JANUARY 14, 2015**

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
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,
Training Officer Joseph Santos

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Brown thanked Chief Maniaci and Training Officer Santos for the recent "ice rescue" training exercise at Crowley Lake. Commissioner Rutkowski read out loud a letter from Michael Kiss (who is Vidar Anderson's son) requesting that local establishments and the Long Valley Fire Department volunteers sign two shirts in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his father's death. After much discussion, the Board felt that it was appropriate for the District volunteers to sign the shirts on behalf of Mr. Kiss's request.

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular meeting. Commissioner Brown asked that some minor changes be made to the minutes. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED 4-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. Joseph Santos spoke on behalf of the volunteers. He briefly discussed the "ice rescue" training exercise that was held last week. He noted that the Mammoth Times was present and would be covering the exercise in a future edition. The new jackets were passed out to all those in attendance at the meeting.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. We have had seven calls since the last meeting. Two calls were for vehicle fires, one call was for a vehicle accident, three calls were for medical responses, and one call was for a public assist.

Chief Maniaci indicated that he is continuing to work on getting specifications and costs estimates for a new water tender.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. An updated roster will be finalized shortly. Two of the rescue vehicles are currently located in the Sunny Slopes area.
- (b) Airport. We are hoping to set up training in one of the planes in the near future.
- (c) Geothermal. No update.
- (d) Maintenance. The siren has been installed and powered up, but is not fully operational. Additional work (one additional part) is needed to get the radio frequencies in sync with the “run-up” and “run down” cycle of the siren. Other small maintenance issues are being worked on.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Secretary Grossblatt informed the Board that the W-2's were sent out in the last week. He indicated that the financial audit is on-going and that the cost of the audit was roughly \$1,400.

6. Discuss ERAF. Leslie Chapman drafted up a letter that incorporates the additional information (the 1989-90 and 1991-92 state reports) that will outline the ERAF issue and our requested legislative action. This letter will be sent to our state representatives. Secretary Grossblatt will proof the draft letter for the Chief's signature in the near future. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. We will be moving the cost of the jackets to the “uniforms” line item. Secretary Grossblatt mentioned that we received \$180,000 in property tax revenues from the first installment in mid-December. He provided a comparison of this amount from the last three years. The reimbursement of the ARFF coverage was deposited into the “firefighter wages” line item 104. Finally, the District is at 53% of our budgeted expenses as of mid-year. 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. The Board recommended that all comments from the District's attorney be incorporated into the final draft. Carry over to the next agenda.
9. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.
10. New Business. Chief Maniaci introduced a revised draft MOU with Mono County in regards to future call responses at the Benton Crossing Landfill. It was noted that liability issues still need to be addressed in the draft MOU. It was agreed that this item should be agendaized at the February meeting.
11. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; consideration of a new set of bylaws; landfill agreement with Mono County.
12. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on February 11, 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