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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
ON FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 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,  
Volunteer Dave Melchior

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Beveridge announced that he had some large sand bags available for District use.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. None.
3. Approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2015 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY BEVERIDGE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. Volunteer Dave Melchior showed a video (shot from the water tender) during the Swall Meadows fire. Chief Maniaci praised the volunteers for their efforts in responding to the fire. Mr. Melchior mentioned that the "trex" decking product continued to flare up even after being "put out" in several of the homes affected by the fire. The volunteers are starting to prepare for the April fishing opener at Crowley Lake. Finally, Mr. Melchior mentioned that Batchelder Enterprises has asked to submit a bid for supplying our gas and diesel fuel needs. Chief Maniaci will follow-up on this issue.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. We have had eight calls since the last meeting. Two calls were for medical responses, three calls were for wild land fires, one call was for a kitchen fire, one call was for a downed power line, and one call was for a vehicle accident. Chief Maniaci briefly discussed the cause of the wild land fire near the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport runway (he believes it was started when a parked vehicle pulled out onto U.S. 395). He then went over the response timeline with respect to the Swall Meadows fire (which occurred that same afternoon).

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. John DePerro has indicated that he will retire from the District in the near future. As such, Chief Maniaci is working on a transition plan regarding all fleet equipment maintenance responsibilities. More to come on this important transition in the coming months. New volunteer interest picked up following the Swall Meadows fire. A discussion followed regarding the requirement of physicals for new volunteers. More to come on this important issue in the near future as well. The dedication for the Christina DeGeorge memorial will be scheduled sometime in March. Finally, Brian Jaegers has joined the District as a new volunteer (he was formerly a volunteer at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department).

(b) Airport. No update.

(c) Geothermal. No update.

(d) Maintenance. The siren is close to being functional. Other small maintenance issues are on-going.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Secretary Grossblatt informed the Board that the annual "Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)" are required to be submitted to Mono County this coming April. He proposed that they be signed and completed during his Board report at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. Discuss ERAF. Chief Maniaci reported that the letter outlining our ERAF issues has been signed and mailed to our state representatives. Hopefully we will receive a response in the near future. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Secretary Grossblatt reported that the District has \$593,408 on deposit with Mono County as of today. Additionally, 49% of our 2014-15 budget remains unspent as of today. 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 commenced with a final review of the proposed bylaws. A detailed and lengthy discussion ensued that resulted in some final modifications to ensure both clarity and consistency in the final document. Following this discussion, the Board agreed that the bylaws were ready to be finalized. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS AS PROPOSED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
9. Benton Crossing Landfill agreement with Mono County. Chief Maniaci communicated our concerns to Mono County over the language in the proposed agreement. The agreement is currently being reviewed by the County Counsel. Carry over to the next agenda.
10. Publication of a district newsletter. The finalized version of our 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter will be posted on our website. The Board also discussed posting hard copies of the newsletter at the Fire Station and the Crowley Lake store. It was discussed that future newsletters will be updated on a quarterly and/or as needed basis. Remove from future agendas.
11. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.
12. New Business. The 2014 OSHA report was completed and sent into the State.
13. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; landfill agreement with Mono County.
14. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on March 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