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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ON MAY 13, 2015**

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 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:

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 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Brown mentioned that at the recent LAFCO meeting there was discussion about combining the Mono City and Lee Vining Fire Departments. Commissioner Brown also talked about developing a community outreach program during the Thursday night trainings. Commissioner Beveridge informed the Board that due to health issues and associated time commitments, he would not be able to complete his term on the Board. The Board understood his decision and decided to agendize this issue at the June meeting.

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

4. Approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAY, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

5. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. Dave Melchior informed the Board that the fishing opener went well and the volunteers raised over \$5,000 from the event.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were six calls since the last meeting. Five of the calls were medical aides and one call was related to a small wild land fire. One of the medical

aides was for a major heart attack. The small wild land fire was for an unattended campground fire. The party responsible for the fire will be billed by the Inyo National Forest.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. New turnouts were ordered for some of the volunteers.
- (b) Airport. FAA inspections have been on-going.
- (c) Geothermal. They are changing out their halon fire suppression system.
- (d) Maintenance. No updates.

John Kokado ran wires to several of the computers outside the dispatch office to improve the weak internet signal.

We have updated our strike team information with Cal Fire to improve billing and coordination issues between the two entities.

We submitted our support for proposed legislation (SB 120) which would allow for a tax exemption on new vehicle purchases.

We are getting three new pagers from the Fire Chief's association.

We will be providing a crew as usual for the 4th of July festivities at Crowley Lake.

"Chipper Day" will be held in Crowley Lake the weekend of July 10th.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. No update.

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 had several updates. Property tax administration fees of \$10,481 were deducted from account 100. We received reimbursement for the Swall Meadows fire in the amount of \$7,600. Roughly half of the monies were used to pay our firefighters and the other half went to line item 211 for vehicle and equipment maintenance. We received a rebate from State Fund in the amount of \$1,008 for the payroll audit. We also received a dividend check from State Fund \$1,167 related to our workers compensation policy premium. Mr. Grossblatt pointed out four notations at the bottom of the budget page that referenced line items where we were over budget. The 2nd

installment of property tax revenues totaling roughly \$111,000 was received in late April. As a result, our current fund balance is \$658,000.

8. 2nd review of the 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget. Chief Maniaci passed out three versions of the proposed budget discussed at the April 8th meeting. The variations centered around whether and how we would pay off the loan on the rescue vehicle. After an extensive discussion, the majority of the Board agreed that it made financial sense to pay off the \$45,207 loan from reserves, save \$7,500 in interest over three years, and remove the regular installment payment from the proposed budget. It was clarified that line item 211 (Equipment Maintenance Apparatus) will be increased to compensate for John DePerro's retirement. It was acknowledged that this budget line item should be monitored closely during the new fiscal year. A public hearing will be scheduled for the June meeting for adoption.

9. Benton Crossing Landfill agreement with Mono County. CDF, INF, and BLM provided comments to the County. It is now a matter of this issue getting on the Board of Supervisor's agenda. Carry over to the next agenda.

10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Grossblatt mentioned that we received a letter from the State concerning unclaimed property (\$300.00) owed by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to the District. Apparently these monies were forwarded to the State and we should be getting another letter regarding future disbursement of these funds.

11. New Business. None.

12. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; landfill agreement with Mono County; Public hearing regarding adoption of 2015/16 fiscal year budget; discuss filling vacant term belonging to Commissioner Beveridge.

13. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on June 10, 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