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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 8, 2015

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

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

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Brown thanked Commissioner's Rutkowski and Shaw for their years of service on the Board. Commissioner Brown asked Chief Maniaci about the possible development of a new airport terminal and whether there would be any development impact fees associated with the project. Chief Maniaci commented that the FAA is pushing hard on moving forward the development of a new terminal. The Board agreed to closely monitor this issue in the coming year.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. None.
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Board convened in closed session to consider personnel evaluations of the Fire Chief and Secretary to the Board / Administrative Assistant. The Board entered into closed session at 7:15 p.m.
4. Announcement of any action taken by the Board in closed session. The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:20 p.m. and announced personnel evaluations of the Chief and Secretary/Administrative Assistant have been completed and that all salary raises as proposed in the 2015/16 budget be enacted.
5. Approval of the minutes of the June 10, 2015 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 3-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

6. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. No volunteers were present at the meeting. Chief Maniaci mentioned that volunteers raised roughly \$1,500 thru the raffle of the canoe over the 4th of July holiday. Overall, all 4th of July events, including the open house, went well.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were 9 calls since the last meeting. Two of the calls were related to fires (one was a motorcycle that caught on fire and the other was a small wild land fire), seven of the calls were medical responses (three of which were related to vehicle accidents). Chief Maniaci noted that one of the vehicle accidents resulted in two fatalities. Finally, one of the medical responses occurred while the District was covering for the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci mentioned that Sobian Spring is leaving the department and that Ben Romo is returning to the department.

(b) Airport. Previously discussed.

(c) Geothermal. After meeting with the geothermal plant operators, Chief Maniaci reported that the plant's emergency operations are fine. He did indicate that he will continue to keep a close eye on their operations.

(d) Maintenance. Chief Maniaci noted that several repairs were completed on various vehicles within the past month. The unleaded gas pump needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Shaw mentioned that over the 4th of July holiday, Supervisor Stump recommended that with the amount of reserves in the bank, the District should move forward with financing the purchase of a new water tender. Chief Maniaci updated the Board on where he was regarding the grant process (through FEMA) as it relates to a new water tender. He explained that the lead time for both the grant process and water tender purchase was well over a year (assuming the grant is approved). He also indicated that he has worked on the required specs and is prepared to move forward with several bids for the water tender. The Board discussed the possibility of using the FEMA grant for another "first out" engine and financing the purchase of the water tender. Questions were asked whether a generic "off the shelf" water tender could be purchased. Additional financing issues were also discussed. Given the complexities of this issue, the Board agreed to agendize this issue for the August meeting.

The District received payment from the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the 4th of July coverage. The Chief will provide a list of volunteers that will be paid for the coverage from these monies. The Chief's time was donated for the 4th of July events.

Commissioner Rutkowski mentioned that the dumpster is being misused for personal use by some of the volunteers. Chief Maniaci pledged to resolve this issue once again.

7. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Secretary Grossblatt discussed the payoff of the rescue engine on September 15th and will prepare a resolution for the August agenda.

8. Discuss ERAF. Leslie Chapman contacted the District regarding Assembly Bill 440 (which is slowly moving through the State legislature) that would correct ERAF base amounts. There is a possibility that the District's ERAF issue could be resolved through this bill. San Benito County is heavily involved in this effort and Chief Maniaci will be contacting them to find out more information. Carry over to the next agenda.

9. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Secretary Grossblatt passed out the fiscal year end expenditure summary for 2014/15. He noted that the final year-end summary will be discussed at the August meeting. The District currently has \$618,663 in our operating account with the County as of June 30, 2015 after factoring in a recent warrant that was not reflected in a journal entry as of yet. Some large warrant expenditures related to firefighting equipment were discussed (some of these expenditures were offset by grant reimbursements). Finally, a payment of \$3,850 was made to the firefighter pension administrators.

10. Benton Crossing Landfill agreement with Mono County. The District's attorney provided Chief Maniaci three pages of comments regarding the agreement. These comments will be passed on to Mono County. Carryover to the next agenda.

11. Discussion of filling Commissioner Beveridge's vacated term in office. Secretary Grossblatt indicated that there has been no return contact by Troy Rowan. Commissioner Beveridge mentioned that he would be willing to finish out his term but cautioned that there will be some meetings he will miss from time to time. The Board concurred that this is the best option moving forward at this time.

12. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Chief Maniaci received a signed agreement from CDF regarding new reimbursement rates. This agreement reflected our efforts in getting the new rates memorialized.

13. New Business. None.

14. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; Benton Crossing Landfill; Water tender discussion; Resolution authorizing transfer of monies for rescue engine payoff.

15. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on August 12, 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