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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
ON AUGUST 12, 2015**

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

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

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. McGuire if the volunteers would be willing to sponsor a hole (as in the past) for a charity golf tournament benefiting the skateboard park. The Board went outside to look at some of the wood siding on the building to determine if it could be painted.

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the July 8, 2015 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY BEVERIDGE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 3-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. Mr. McGuire informed the Board that there have been 10 calls since the last meeting – the majority of which were medical responses. One of the medical responses was related to a domestic violence incident. There was a non-medical response due to a propane leak. Mr. McGuire indicated that the weekly trainings have been well attended by the volunteers. Finally, a request was made to have one of our engines participate in a county-wide training exercise sponsored by Mammoth Medical Missions.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction.

A local citizen has filed legal action against the Crowley Lake Fish Camp. As part of this legal action, this citizen has asked the District for information regarding our recent fire inspections of the Fish Camp.

The County has inquired about the possibility of storing their command center trailer behind the fire station.

The flag has been at half-mast due to the passing of several California firefighters.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Nothing to report.

(b) Airport. The District may need to provide fire equipment while the ARFF vehicle is out of service. The Town will be billed for any resources committed to this effort.

(c) Geothermal. Nothing to report.

(d) Maintenance. Painting of the fire station has been on-going. Chris Baitx has been working on one of the fuel pumps.

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

6. Discuss ERAF. We are still seeking information from San Benito County regarding legislative action to resolve ERAF issues. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Two financial summaries were passed out to the Board – one summary was the final 2014-15 fiscal year-end and the other summary outlined year-to-date figures for the current fiscal year. Mr. Grossblatt reported that additional property tax revenues for 2014-15 in the amount of \$9,000 was credited to our operating account. In addition, fire fees for 2014-15 in the amount of \$4,200 were credited to our capital account. Our operating account balance as of June 30, 2015 (2014-15 fiscal year-end) was approximately \$661,000. Further, our current operating account balance as of August 8, 2015 was roughly \$618,000.

8. Water tender discussion. Chief Maniaci passed out a flyer advertising a used water tender for sale in the amount of \$129,000. A discussion ensued regarding the merits of purchasing new equipment versus a used piece of equipment. The Board asked that more research into the purchase of a used water tender be presented at the September meeting. Mr. Grossblatt passed out information related to financing a new water tender that was provided by PNC Financial. Carry over to the next agenda.
9. Resolution R15-03 approving transfer of funds for the payoff of the rescue engine. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R15-03 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING ACCOUNT TO THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYOFF OF THE RESCUE ENGINE. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
10. Authorization for Commissioner Brown to gather information regarding the Town of Mammoth Lake's plans for development of the Mammoth-Yosemite airport. The issue concerning the District is whether the Town will be providing any financial and/or infrastructure support for fire protection of new development at the airport. Commissioner Brown informed the Board that he is unable to devote the time to gather information on this important issue. After much discussion, the Board acknowledged that Chief Maniaci has an obvious conflict of interest and asked Mr. Grossblatt to follow-up on this matter. Mr. Grossblatt agreed to draft a letter to the Town's Public Works Director on this issue and will present it for review at the September meeting. Carry over to the next agenda.
11. Benton Crossing Landfill agreement with Mono County. Chief Maniaci presented another draft version of the agreement that contained newly added sections by the County's legal and risk management departments. After a brief discussion, the Board expressed their frustration with this agreement and directed Chief Maniaci to inform the County that the agreement needed to be simplified before the Board would sign on to the final product. Carryover to the next agenda.
12. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.
13. New Business. None.
14. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; Benton Crossing Landfill; Water tender discussion; Discussion regarding possible action related to future airport development.

15. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on September 9, 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