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

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Beveridge, Day, and Rutkowski
Members Absent: Brown and Shaw
Others Present: Chief Maniaci; Secretary/Administrative Assistant Grossblatt; Grady Dutton, Public Works Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes; Fred Stump, Mono County Supervisor

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. Mr. Dutton thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss the Town's plans regarding the future development of a new airport terminal at the Mammoth-Yosemite airport. Conflict of interest issues regarding the Chief's employment with the Town of Mammoth Lakes were initially discussed. Mr. Dutton mentioned that a new security fence that surrounds the airport will be built in the coming year. Regarding plans for a new airport terminal, requests for proposals for the design and planning phases will be solicited towards the end of this year. Mr. Dutton indicated that the likely completion date for the construction of a new terminal would be in the fall of 2019 pending that all environmental issues are resolved. Several issues were then discussed regarding planning and funding sources for the new terminal. Mr. Dutton expressed his full understanding of the requirements of the District to provide structure protection and emergency services for a new terminal that is triple in size to the existing facility. He pledged to work with the District during the coming years to ensure that our requirements are met. He mentioned that there are issues related to any co-mingling of funds provided by the FAA for structure protection and emergency services provisions by the District, but he is hopeful that those issues can be addressed by all parties involved. Finally, Mr. Dutton indicated he is more than happy to address the Board in the future as this process moves forward over the next several years.

3. Water tender discussion. This item was moved up in the agenda given that Supervisor Stump was asked to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Beveridge expressed his opinion that either a new or used water tender be procured on an expedited basis. Chief Maniaci indicated that specifications continue to be compiled for a used and/or new water tender. He mentioned used water tenders that would fit our criteria have been difficult to find. The group then discussed whether a new “off the shelf” water tender would fit our criteria. Mr. Stump mentioned that it would be expensive to modify a standard water tender after it was put in use. Carry over to the next agenda.

4. Approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting. This agenda item was moved to the November 11, 2015 regular meeting due to a lack of quorum.

5. Chief’s Report.

A. Volunteer Report. No report.

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

There have been eleven calls since the last meeting. Seven calls were for medical responses. The remaining four calls were for vehicle accidents. One of the vehicle accident responses at the Convict Lake road junction with U.S. 395 had the potential to very serious – fortunately, major injuries were avoided.

Chief Maniaci mentioned the Volunteers Association is working on the details of the annual Christmas party.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Two volunteers attended the Reno Fire show.

(b) Airport. Annual fire inspections are forthcoming before winter sets in.

(c) Geothermal. Same, annual fire inspections are forthcoming.

(d) Maintenance. Chris Baitx is working on a fuse issue with the loader that was purchased last year.

6. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Mr. Grossblatt mentioned that he received a public records request for the District’s 2014 salary information. This was the same request that was received last year which was reviewed by the District’s attorney. The information was provided in the same format as last year.

7. Discuss ERAF. It appears that efforts to work with San Benito County will not prove productive. At this point, working with our State legislators appears to be the best option moving forward. Carry over to the next agenda.
8. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Mr. Grossblatt briefly discussed our recent liability insurance policy payment. We saved roughly \$1,700 by going with a new insurance carrier per the recommendation of our broker. No other items of significance were discussed.
9. Benton Crossing Landfill agreement with Mono County. Following feedback that was provided by the District, Mono County came back with a greatly simplified agreement. The Board felt that pending the District's attorney final review, we could move forward with signing the agreement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BEVERIDGE, AND SECONDED BY DAY, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE BENTON CROSSING LANDFILL AGREEMENT WITH MONO COUNTY, PENDING FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED 3-0.
10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.
11. New Business. Chief Maniaci mentioned that the County is changing the street name of Larkspur Drive in the Sierra Springs subdivision so it does not conflict with the same street name in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
12. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF; water tender discussion; two sets of minutes for approval.
13. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on November 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