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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
ON MACH 9, 2016**

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Beveridge, Brown, Day, Rutkowski, and Shaw  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Chief Maniaci; Secretary/Administrative Assistant Grossblatt;  
Volunteer John Kokado

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no announcements.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. No public.
3. Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BEVERIDGE, SECONDED BY BROWN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2016 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0 WITH 1 ABSENTION.
4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. John Kokado was present on behalf of the volunteers. He updated the Board on the recent election results within the volunteer organization. Plans are being organized for the April 30<sup>th</sup> fishing opener.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were a total of 4 calls since the last meeting. Two of the calls were for vehicle incidents. One call was for a possible propane leak. The other call resulted in a cancellation.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Recognition for Bill Wagner and his years of service was discussed. A resolution will be prepared in his honor.
- (b) Airport. A simulated emergency drill was held at the airport.
- (c) Geothermal. No update.
- (d) Maintenance. Routine maintenance is on-going.

There is a revised final version of the Benton Crossing Landfill agreement. The District's attorney gave his seal of approval and the Chief will sign on behalf of the District.

The Chief will be attending the annual Cal Fire meeting in early April.

A new AED unit was purchased.

The County Board of Supervisors are considering the elimination of the wood waste voucher program starting in 2017. This will be on their agenda in the coming weeks.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Statement of Economic Interest forms were filled out and signed by the Commissioners. The forms will be submitted before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. There were some issues with the electronic deposit at the County with our last payroll. Mr. Grossblatt is working with the County to get all issues resolved by the next payroll.

6. Discuss ERAF. No current update. Commissioner Brown inquired whether the District could sue the County and/or the State regarding this issue. He then asked that a resolution be drafted outlining our efforts in getting this issue resolved. The goal is to hopefully put pressure on all those involved to get something done (including our State legislators). The resolution will be voted on at the April meeting. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Mr. Grossblatt mentioned that we have \$642,923 in our operating account as of today. In addition, we can expect roughly \$110,000 in property tax revenues from the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment in April. Approximately 52% of our annual budget remains unspent with roughly 25% of the current fiscal year remaining.

8. Discussion of moving forward with the possible purchase of a new water tender. The District is now a formal member of the NJPA (account #117744). The Chief asked that

the Board consider moving forward with the purchase of a water tender thru our membership with the NJPA. The quoted cost of the water tender we are considering is \$285,129 (thru Burton Fire). A discussion was held on how to pay for the water tender. One of the issues discussed was the cash discount that would be offered if the District paid the entire amount up front versus financing a portion of total cost. After further discussion, Chief Maniaci informed the Board that if we paid the chassis cost of \$118,352 up front, the manufacturer would deduct \$4,552 from the total water tender purchase price. It was agreed that Chief Maniaci would find out the cash discount if the entire amount of the water tender was paid off immediately. In the meantime, the Board was comfortable with authorizing a down payment of \$118,352 for the chassis cost which includes the \$4,552 discount. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY BROWN, TO AUTHORIZE A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$118,352 FOR THE CHASSIS PORTION OF THE WATER TENDER (WHICH INCLUDES A CASH DISCOUNT OF \$4,552 OFF THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE). THE MOTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE BOARD FROM CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL MONIES TOWARDS A DOWN PAYMENT DEPENDING ON THE CASH DISCOUNT IF THE WATER TENDER IS PAID IN FULL. MOTION PASSED 5-0. The Board was willing to hold a special meeting to consider an updated motion if needed. Mr. Grossblatt recommended that we have at least 25 days to make the down payment to secure any cash discount. Carry over to the next agenda.

9. EMS Update/possible discussion. There were no additional updates on this issue. This issue remains a high priority for the County Board of Supervisors. Carry over to the next agenda.

10. Discussion regarding the possible repeal of the 1994 MOU between the Long Valley Fire Protection District and the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport; follow-up discussion regarding the development of a new MOU. Following up on this item from the February discussion, Commission Brown reviewed the original agreement in its entirety and concluded that there were numerous provisions that needed to be preserved in a revised agreement. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Town of Mammoth Lakes should take the initiative of drafting a new MOU. Further, the new MOU should contain any and all provisions from the existing agreement that need to be retained. A coalition of District members will review the existing agreement (along with the District's attorney) to ensure that a broad perspective of individuals has reviewed the provisions that need to be preserved. Carry over to the next agenda.

11. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. None.

12. New Business. Chief Maniaci mentioned that the County is considering not renewing the FCC license for the various regional emergency broadcast systems (including the one located in Long Valley). Commissioner Rutkowski mentioned that this may be the

result of the new “code red” telephone system incorporated throughout the County. The Chief brought up the possibility of the District being responsible for the license and pay for any renewal costs. The benefits of the system to the District (including customizing messages and/or warnings) are worth retaining the license. It was agreed that this item will be placed on the April agenda. Chief Maniaci also recommended that ARRF certification expenses be incorporated into the 2016/17 fiscal year budget draft.

13. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF/Resolution; Resolution for Bill Wagner; EMS Paramedic update/possible discussion; Discussion of the possible repeal of the 1994 MOU regarding the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport/consideration of a new MOU; Water Tender update; Emergency Broadcast System discussion; 1<sup>st</sup> review of the 2016/17 fiscal year draft budget (which includes ARRF certification expenses).

14. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Michael Grossblatt  
Secretary to the Board