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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ON APRIL 13, 2016**

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 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 Les Perpall

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Brown indicated his interest in staying on the Board when his term expires this coming fall.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. No public.
3. Approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2016 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer Report. Volunteer Les Perpall updated the Board on the April 29th fishing opener activities down at the Crowley Lake Fish Camp.
 - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were a total of 5 calls since the last meeting. Two of the calls were related to wild land fires (both were contained quickly). One call was for a vehicle incident. One call was for an alarm check. The final call was for a medical response (a possible heart attack victim).

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. No update.
- (b) Airport. Flight schedules are being reduced with the end of the winter ski season. The USFS and Caltrans has contemplated removing the gate (which is part of the airport fence) near the Convict Lake junction. This issue is to be continued.
- (c) Geothermal. No update.
- (d) Maintenance. Routine maintenance is on-going. The water tender (3280) is currently out of service. We will be leasing a tender from Chuck Villar Construction in the interim.

Mono County awarded the Town a used Ford Expedition for one dollar. This vehicle will replace the existing Chief's vehicle (3200). Some budget expenditures will be necessary to upgrade the vehicle with communication/emergency lighting equipment.

We will be meeting with Mono County regarding a 10 year fuels reduction plan.

The Benton Crossing agreement has been finalized. The Chief will be signing the agreement on behalf of the District.

A meeting was held with CDF to sign the annual operating agreement between the agencies. This agreement outlines mutual aid response procedures and other issues where cooperation is needed between the agencies.

We will be re-applying for the VFA grant for communication equipment and turnouts (this grant is a 50/50 match).

The Mono County Chief's association will be giving the District a new command radio (thru a Homeland Security grant award).

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. A signature control list was signed by the Commissioner's which will be sent to Mono County. This list will be on file to verify warrant signatures.

6. Resolution R16-02 recognizing Bill Wagner. A resolution recognizing Bill Wagner was presented to the Board for review. RESOLUTION R16-02 WAS READ INTO THE RECORD AND FOLLOWED BY A MOTION MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-02 IN HONOR, RECOGNITION, AND

APPRECIATION TO BILL WAGNER FOR HIS YEARS OF VALUABLE SERVICE.
MOTION PASSED 5-0.

7. Discuss ERAF/Resolution R16-03. Mr. Grossblatt presented Resolution R16-03 which outlines the efforts made to date on the ERAF issue. A copy of the February 2015 letter sent to our State legislators was included as an attachment. The resolution will be forwarded to our State legislators and Mono County executives requesting action on this important issue (once again). A MOTION MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-03 REQUESTING FORMAL LEGISLATION TO CORRECT THE DISTRICT'S ERAF CALCULATION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

8. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Mr. Grossblatt mentioned that we have \$629,024 in our operating account as of today. In addition, we can expect roughly \$110,000 in property tax revenues from the 2nd property tax installment in late April. Approximately 49% of our annual budget remains unspent with roughly 21% of the current fiscal year remaining.

9. Water tender update. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that if we purchased the water tender in full (\$285,129) it would reduce the purchase price by an additional \$2,022 (there were \$4,552 in savings from a down payment of \$118,352 for the chassis). Although the Board felt comfortable financing the remaining balance (roughly \$166,777) following the down payment for the chassis, a complete analysis of the resulting interest savings by paying in full was needed before a final decision could be made. Chief Maniaci will be presenting this updated analysis based on financing terms of three, five, and seven years at the May meeting. Fortunately, we have roughly 150 days before this decision needs to be finalized. The Chief then mentioned that he, along with Tony Erwin and either Chris Baitx or John DePerro, will be flying to South Dakota in mid-May for a complete review of the specifications of the new water tender. Carry over to the next agenda.

10. 1st review of the 2016/17 fiscal year draft budget. Chief Maniaci presented a draft budget to the Board that compares the proposed 2016/17 budget with the 2015/16 budget numbers. Revenues for 2016/17 were \$295,600 based on the County's latest estimate from December 2015. Mr. Grossblatt mentioned that the County was working on updated revenue numbers that will hopefully be available for the May discussion. The Board felt it was important to include a nominal raise for the paid staff in the proposed budget. The Board also provided input on several other line items in the proposed budget. It was agreed that an updated draft budget based on tonight's discussion will be emailed out before the May meeting. Carry over to the next agenda.

11. 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.

12. 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. Chief Maniaci mentioned in his Chief's report earlier in the meeting that he briefly discussed the MOU with the Town's Public Works Director and that no progress has been made at the Town due to other priorities. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to carry this item over to the next agenda.

13. Emergency Broadcast System discussion. Chief Maniaci spoke with Supervisor Stump about this issue and we hope to get an update in the near future. The Board reiterated their desire to bring the system under the District's purview. Carry over to the next agenda.

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

15. New Business. Chief Maniaci is going to ask the volunteers for both anonymous and written feedback on his performance as Fire Chief.

16. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF update; 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; 2nd review of the 2016/17 fiscal year draft budget; Discussion of Sunnyslopes station (CIP "06-B").

17. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on May 11, 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