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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ON AUGUST 10, 2016**

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

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

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Brown announced that he filed paperwork with the County for another term on the Board. There were no other announcements.

2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. No public was in attendance.

3. Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular meeting. The agenda mistakenly referred to the approval of the June 8, 2016 minutes rather than the July 13, 2016 minutes. After a brief discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY DAY, TO AMEND ITEM NO. 3 TO STATE JULY 13, 2016 INSTEAD OF JUNE 8, 2016. MOTION PASSED 4-0. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY RUTKOWSKI, SECONDED BY DAY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2016 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer Report. No volunteers were present. Training attendance has been somewhat slow during the summer months. An EMR refresher will be held over the coming weeks.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were nine calls since the last meeting. Seven of the calls

were for medical responses. One of the calls was for a public assist. The final call was our response to the Rock Creek fire.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. There are several volunteers who have not participated as of late in trainings and/or call responses – Chief Maniaci will communicate with them his desire that they take a more pro-active role in their commitment to being a volunteer. There is one individual who has shown interest in volunteering. One current volunteer is moving back to Mammoth. The Board was informed about Chris Baitx’s health issues. Chief Maniaci is going to put together a request for qualifications for an equipment mechanic. A brief discussion was held regarding various options for filling this important need (equipment maintenance services).
- (b) Airport. A “wildlife fence” around the airport was approved by the FAA. NetJets will begin operations at the airport on a limited basis. This service will require several operational changes at the airport.
- (c) Geothermal. No update.
- (d) Maintenance. Work continues on refurbishing the replacement vehicle for 3200.

An invoice will be sent shortly regarding the water tender down payment.

Chief Maniaci is working on getting a CDF crew to help with maintenance around the fire station.

A new lock was put on the dumpster. In addition, we will be changing the codes for the front and rear entrances to the fire station in the near future.

The backup generator is working but there are problems with the programming of the weekly generator testing schedule.

The MOU between the County and District for the Benton Crossing Landfill has been finalized.

5. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Mr. Grossblatt reported that everything has been going smoothly. No further update.

6. Discuss ERAF. No current update. Carry over to the next agenda.

7. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. Mr. Grossblatt reviewed the final 2015/16 budget expenditure report. He indicated that roughly \$80,000 will go into reserves from the 2015/16 fiscal year. Another \$3,800 in property tax revenue was credited to the District on June 30, 2016. Chief Maniaci indicated that he will be sending in fire response reimbursement forms shortly and that we should be on the lookout for the payments.

8. 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. No significant progress has been made on this agenda item. As reported earlier in the meeting, with the changes required to accommodate the beginning of service from NetJets, the importance of getting this MOU renegotiated remains a high priority. Carry over to the next agenda.

9. Fire mitigation fee review. Chief Maniaci reported that Mammoth Fire did their mitigation fee review "in-house". This may serve as a blueprint for how the District will proceed in this endeavor. We will follow up with Thom Heller in the near future. Carry over to the next agenda.

10. Resolution 16-04 – Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement. Chief Maniaci briefly discussed the proposed resolution. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY RUTKOWSKI, TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-04 APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT #7FG16066. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

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

12. New Business. None.

13. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF update; Discussion of the possible repeal of the 1994 MOU regarding the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport/consideration of a new MOU; Fire mitigation fee review.

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

Michael Grossblatt
Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board