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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 13, 2017

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Hank Brown, Ron Day, John Rutkowski and Sharon Shaw  
Members Absent: Tom Beveridge,  
Others Present: Chief, Vince Maniaci; Secretary, Shawna Pettigrew; Volunteers, Billy Czeschin, Tyler Haakana, Carlene Millan, Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump, Mono County Sheriff, Ingrid Braun  
Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Rutkowski reported on behalf of absent Commissioner Beveridge that Commissioner Beveridge stopped by Crystal Geyser Water in Olancho regarding donations of bottled water to the District and was told that a letter on District letter head from Chief Maniaci requesting the donation of water was now required. The letter needs to state the reason for requesting the water and the amount of water desired. Letter to be faxed to Charles Abbot at 760-764-2139.

2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenized items. No public present.

3. Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2017 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED OF THE AUGUST 9, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer's Report. Call volume is up with 106 calls YTD. Billy Czeschin and Tim Plummer were on the Slinkard fire with the new water tender. Billy reported that the new water tender worked well. Chief Maniaci believes that since the State on Nevada as opposed to the State of California was in charge of the Slinkard fire that the District will be reimbursed

for the volunteers and the equipment. Aden LaFrancois is a new junior volunteer. Carlene Millan discussed expanding the Junior Volunteer Explorer Program. The three volunteers present at the meeting stated that they feel safe with the equipment provided them by the District. Commissioner Shaw has resolved the length of service award issues and payment of an invoice that will bring everything up to date has been requested on this week's warrant. Once the payment is received by Adapt Management, they will send out updated list for the department and individual notices to each volunteer.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were 23 calls since the August meeting. Supervisor Stump let the Board know that he sent a letter to the owners of the abandoned building in Long Valley stating that they are in violation of code regarding the condition of the building.

A. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Carlene Millan will be doing the station maintenance. She will invoice as an independent contractor and will receive a 1099 for tax purposes. Gerry LaFrancois is checking with County Counsel to make sure that there is no conflict of interest if he joins Long Valley Fire Volunteers. Chief Maniaci needs to be on the Verizon account as the owner. Currently Verizon has Fred Stump as the owner. Chief Maniaci will need to send a letter to Verizon Corporate to change owner from Fred Stump to himself.
- (b) Airport. Fence project is dead for now based on environmental issues raised by California Fish and Wildlife.
- (c) Geothermal. Long Valley Fire received a \$1,000.00 donation from LP Mammoth. The donation was solicited by the volunteers but written on the Long Valley Fire Protection District letterhead in error. Going forward the volunteers will use their own letterhead when soliciting donations. The donation was applied to the small tools budget category.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Need to update the Chief's computer. Router system has been updated. Chief will check with John Kokado to program new printer to scan/email from the printer. Chief contacted Xerox in Bishop to pick up old copier. Xerox in Bishop has not picked it up because they claim we still have a lease with them. Chief Maniaci asked Bishop Xerox to send him a copy of the lease, which has still not been received. Chief Maniaci will contact Xerox corporate to have them schedule pickup. Ink and supplies from the old copier will be given to Tim Sanford's Office.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Tires needed for 3230. Engine mounts needed for 3232. Vehicle logs are up to date for current maintenance that is being performed. Old log issues are still being worked on as time allows.

5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since last meeting. Board members reviewed the payment/payroll warrants. Commissioner Brown moved for approval, Commissioner Rutkowski seconded. Passed 4-0.
6. Secretary to the Board. No News
7. 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 News. Carryover to next agenda.
8. Fire mitigation fee review. Nate Greenberg and Scott Thorpe working on GIS. Carryover agenda item.
9. Volunteer Firefighter Association grant resolution. Resolution R17-02 presented, reading waved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval, Commissioner Day seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Resolution signed by Chairman and Co-Chairman. Chief Maniaci will make copies and mail the original.
10. State Firefighters grant. Duplicate of #9
11. Moving Sheriff Command Center to back lot of Fire Station. Sheriff Braun agreed to move Command center to the back lot of the fire department under the conditions that Commissioner Day will dig trench, place conduit, and wire to a GFIC plug and pour concrete pads for down riggers.

When command center is moved to back lot, a temporary extension cord will be run from plug inside the fire station to the command center. It was agreed that all expenses will be paid for by the Long Valley Fire Department. The electricity will be evaluated and if electricity usage has shown to have gone up considerably, Sheriff Braun has agreed to pay for additional electricity usage. After Sheriff Braun left the meeting, Fred Stump suggested that the Fire Department draft an agreement with the Sheriff's Department sending it to the Board of Supervisors, CAO, Risk Management and County Council stating the understanding for moving command center and agreement on snow removal and electricity.

Commissioner Day asked Fred Stump if we did not already have an agreement with the Sheriff's Department, Fred Stump indicated we did have an agreement. Commissioner Day suggested we review the existing agreement before drafting a new one. Motion to move the Sheriff's Command Center to the back lot of the Fire Station was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Day and motion passed 4-0.

12. Discussion regarding firefighter's stipend. Commissioner Brown would like to discuss the possibility of rewarding the volunteers that make a high percent of calls or increasing the stipend for all volunteers. It was discussed that a bonus to the volunteers would be a difficult calculation to come up with and it may not be fair to the volunteers

that for various reasons cannot make the calls, as well as not being a legal use of public funds. Tyler Haakana, Billy Czeschin and Carlene Millan stated that the money is not a consideration for showing up to calls. There was discussion for the possibility of raising the volunteer stipend. Chief Maniaci will find out what the Mammoth and June Lake volunteers stipend is. He will also research when the stipend was changed from \$13 to \$15 per call. Carryover to October agenda as a possible action item.

13. Review Correspondence since Last Regular Meeting. Original response letter from Sheriff Braun regarding the Command Center.

14. Review of Monthly financial reports and budget. FY 17-18 budget was distributed and reviewed. Need to correct deposits on second page. Final AB8 shows revenue of \$320,223.00.

15. New Business. No new business

16. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. MOU with Town of Mammoth Lakes. Mitigation Fee Review. Possible change to volunteer's stipend.

17. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Shawna Pettigrew  
Secretary to the Board