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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 12, 2018

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Kim Czeschin, Hank Brown, Ron Day, & Sharon Shaw

Members Absent: Tom Beveridge

Others Present: Chief, Vince Maniaci; County Supervisor, Fred Stump, and Fire Captain, Tyler Haakana, Retired Commissioner, John Rutkowski.

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Kim Czeschin was appointed to serve the remainder of Commissioner Rutkowski's term which expires November 30, 2018. Commissioner Brown announced that he had made a visit to a Reno Fire Dept. and gave Chief Maniaci some reading material and a business card for his files.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. County Supervisor Fred Stump discussed several items of interest to the Board including the recent loss of grant money paying for Digital 395 internet service to the Department.
3. Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2018 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2018 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 3 IN FAVOR with 1 abstention.
4. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. Tyler Haakana invited the Commissioners to the Christmas Party on December 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Convict Lake Restaurant. He also invited the Commissioners to attend the Airport MCI Drill on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 08:00 – 13:00. He indicated that the training has grown in attendees with the county having invited Inyo County to attend.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 8 calls since August Meeting, 4 medical, 2 vegetation fires, 1 kitchen fire, 1 vehicle fire. No news on ERAF. Old 3201 vehicle will be put out to bid for \$1.00 to over Mono County Fire Districts. Chief Maniaci reported that we received \$12,000.00 plus from the Chief's Association this year. Commissioner Brown asked that walk through inspections be done by the Department at the Amerigas Tank Farm and Thomas Diesel Fuel Facility.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci announced that volunteer Kyle Osland will be leaving because he is moving to Swall Meadows which is out of our district. Chief Maniaci advised the Board that Asst. Chief Chris Baitx is going to be stepping down as Asst. Chief (but not leave the Department completely) to allow Chief Maniaci to groom a new Asst. Chief which will hopefully benefit the Department with successor management in the future.
- (b) Airport. Air service to begin December 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting December 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be daily flights from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver.
- (c) Geothermal. Chief Maniaci has contacted management there to arrange for a walk through inspection very soon.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Nathan has been too busy to install LED lights, but it is still in the works. Sprinklers will be blown out for winter very soon.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Grant has been approved for light bars on 3225 and new 3201 vehicles. Chris Kline is working on Vehicle Maintenance Logs. Billy Czeschin is going to fix the taped equipment door on 3230.
- (f) MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. No News, Chief Maniaci will send Grady a reminder email since it is coming close to a year since he indicated he would have the MOU completed.

5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since last meeting. Board members reviewed the payment/payroll warrants. Commissioner Brown moved for approval, Commissioner Day seconded. Passed 4-0.

6. Secretary to the Board. Commissioner Shaw advised that a letter asking for water donation from Crystal Geyser had been mailed on September 1<sup>st</sup>. There has been not a response from them to date. The payment for Volunteer's Length of Service Award has been made for fiscal year 2017/2018.

7. Fire mitigation fee review. Chief Maniaci asked Supervisor Stump to intervene if possible to help get any additional information Scott Thorpe might need to him ASAP. Carryover.

8. Review of existing agreement between Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. Carryover.

9. Review Correspondence since Last Regular Meeting. Letter received from John Deperro indicating interest in becoming a Commissioner for any future vacancies on the Board. Letter of interest and resume received from Katie H. Durgin regarding the open Secretary position. A two commissioner committee of Sharon Shaw and Kim Czeschin along with Chief Maniaci was formed as a hiring committee to interview Katie Durgin prior to next month's meeting.

10. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Commissioner Shaw reported that the \$48,000.00 in our account that belongs to another Long Valley Fire Department within California has still not be requested from the U.S. Forestry Dept. Chief Maniaci indicated he would send another email to U.S. Forestry contact requesting that they send a request for the funds to be returned. There was a deposit to our account for excess ERAF for \$13,359.00 on August 15, 2018.

11. Approve, sign and present Resolution 18-01 re: John Rutkowski's 24 years of service as a Commissioner for the Long Valley Fires Protection District. This matter was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting. Resolution 18-01 was read into the record, signed and personally presented to Retired Commissioner John Rutkowski.

12. Approve and sign Resolutions 18-02 and 18-03 re: Cal Fire. Reading of Resolutions 18-02 and 18-03 was waived. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day and approved by a vote of 4-0. Resolutions were then signed and will be mailed to Cal-Fire by Chief Maniaci.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding removing Digital 395 from Fire Station. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the available internet providers in our area and decided that the District will stay with Digital 395 at a cost of \$100.00 per month because of the potential of additional services such as phone service being included in that cost at a later date. The only other provider in the area would also have been double the monthly expense.

14. New Business. None

15. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. Carryover items.

13. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Sharon Shaw

Board Chairman  
In Absence of Secretary to the Board