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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 13th, 2019**

Date: Wednesday, November 13th, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Maniaci, Battalion Chief Fred Stump, Secretary Katie Durgin,
Volunteer Marlon Jimenez, and District's Attorney Timothy Sanford

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Brown attended the Mammoth Fire Board meeting and reported that Mammoth Fire is going to have a ballot measure for a parcel tax in the next election. They are asking for \$85 per residence as well as a fee for commercial property and vacant property. They will need a 66% majority of votes to approve the measure. Commissioner Brown has given Chief Maniaci all the information he has regarding the ballot measure.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present. Battalion Chief Fred Stump provided a public comment on the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). There have been two changes in Mono County that will affect both the timing and the amount of ERAF refunds. The first change is Mammoth School District has changed to basic aid by the State of California. This created a \$750,000 shortfall in their budget. The second change is the County Office of Education, who plays a critical role in calculating ERAF distribution, has a new financial person who does not have experience in ERAF. This directly affects ERAF distribution. Fred Stump reported that there will be a refund, however at this point the county does not know the amount or when it will be refunded.
3. CLOSED SESSION: Confer with legal counsel on possible litigation regarding reduction of percentages paid in Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and request overpayment refund with interest (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: [1 case]). Commissioner Shaw announced the start of the Closed Session. Commissioner

Shaw ended the Closed Session and reopened the meeting to the public. Further research and calculations will be done as per the instruction of Attorney Tim Sanford. The research and calculations will be forwarded to legal counsel for additional research. Legal Counsel will contact Fred Stump for additional information.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 9th, 2019 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9TH, 2019 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

5. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Marlon Jimenez reported that the new Engine 3232 is near complete to be our first-out engine. The last two Volunteer Firefighter trainings have involved fire extinguisher recertification and servicing on all nomadic rescue tools. The Long Valley Fire Protection District Christmas party will take place on December 13th.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that we received a letter from the Employment Development Department (EDD) regarding unemployment payment for one of our volunteer firefighters. The new mechanic is officially on board. Chief Maniaci will provide Secretary Durgin with the necessary information to process his wages. Once the dates are clarified, the department will make a plaque for former Fire Chief Chris Baitx. Secretary Durgin will process the Volunteer Firefighter Year-End Stipend on the weekend of November 16th-17th.

(b) Airport. No news.

(c) Geothermal. No news.

(d) Station Maintenance. The self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles have all been re-hydrostatic tested. Four of the bottles were expired and have gone out of service. Chief Maniaci is going to be replacing the four bottles with possibly two SCBA packs and six or eight bottles.

(e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. There was an air leak on Engine 3231 that has been fixed. There are a few more items that need to be done on Engine 3232 before it will be in full service. Engine 3271 will be getting new tires.

- (f) MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. No news.
 - (g) Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. Chief Maniaci has not heard back from the county yet regarding the agreement. Carry over.
6. 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 5-0.
 7. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin received the representation letter from Craig Fechter for the 2016-2017 Financial Statements. She will sign the letter and return to Craig to finalize the report.
 8. Fire mitigation fee review. No news. Chief Maniaci asked Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Santos to follow up with Scott Thorpe. Carry over.
 9. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin reported that Joanne Werthwein is still our primary contact at the county.
 10. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Secretary Durgin did not receive the fiscal year 2019-2020 General Ledger in order to provide the most accurate actual balance on the November budget sheet. The current actual balance includes all warrant expenditures subtracted from the balance from October regular meeting totaling \$226,361.43.
 11. New Business. Chief Maniaci presented a blueprint of a unit that is located near property the department owns in Sunny Slopes. The county wants the department to write a letter stating that the county can use the road on our property in order to access their building. The Board recommended talking to our legal counsel before we sign or write the letter. Carry over.
 12. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Fire Mitigation Fee Review; Letter Stating County Access to Unit in Sunny Slopes.
 13. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on December 11th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board