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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING March 10th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Vincent Maniaci, Secretary Katie Durgin, Equipment Maintenance Manager Billy Czeschin

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Brown asked Chief Maniaci to look into using a throwable rescue disc for water and ice rescues. Chief Maniaci will research and follow up. Commissioner Brown asked for the call log to be updated in the front office at the station. Commissioner Beveridge suggested that the fire department buy their own propane tank to lower costs of propane. Chief Maniaci noted that Tom Sigler from Eastern Sierra Propane has offered to put the department on their own tank. From that tank the department could run a secondary line for the training pump. Chief Maniaci will research getting a tank for the department and the costs associated. Commissioner Beveridge asked if the leak over the furnace at the station has been fixed. Chief Maniaci responded that he is currently addressing the leak, however it has not been fixed yet.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenda items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. Chief Maniaci reported that the volunteers are planning on attending the Fishing Opener and hosting a prize for the community. The

volunteers are planning on doing an ice rescue soon. Commissioner Brown asked Secretary Durgin if any public has responded to attending the Board meetings via teleconference. Secretary Durgin reported that she nor Chief Maniaci has had any public response to attend the meeting. Chief Maniaci will continue to hold both in-house as well as online public access to the Long Valley Fire Monthly Board meetings.

- B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 5 calls since February 10th regular meeting: 4 calls were medical aids; 1 call was a traffic collision.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that he is looking to shift the Training Officer responsibilities away from Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Santos. Pete DeGeorge would like to remain as Assistant Training Officer. Chief Maniaci recommended Scott McGuire to be the new Training Officer. Chief Maniaci reported that because the department has lost Carlene and Alex Millan, they no longer have in-house CPR training. Scott McGuire is connecting with Inyo County Emergency Medical Training class to see what it would take for the department to host in-house CPR training again.
- (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that Bishop Airport still needs to connect with TSA in order to meet their upcoming deadlines. Chief Maniaci has a meeting with Bishop airport tomorrow to discuss Charter services. Commissioner Brown asked if TSA has pulled out of Mammoth Airport. Chief Maniaci responded that TSA is in the process of leaving. TSA still has their equipment at the Mammoth Airport. Once TSA officially leaves, Mammoth Airport will receive a letter from Washington D.C. giving them 90 days to confirm that the Mammoth Airport will not be continuing service. After 90 days, TSA will pull their equipment out of Mammoth Airport.
- (c) Geothermal. No news.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that the volunteers are going to be doing some work on the training props in the back of the station. The digital 395 cut on the asphalt between the Sherriff's department and the fire station is beginning to sink. Chief Maniaci will contact Cliff Bennington about getting the cut repaired. Commissioner Shaw noted that she appreciates how clean the station has been lately. Chief Maniaci reported that Fred Stump and Marguerite McDonald have been cleaning the station.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Equipment Maintenance Manager Billy Czeschin reported that he and Rigo Briviesca fixed the coolant leak on 3271. 3280 has a small water leak. 3281 still has the check engine light on. Billy is working with another mechanic to figure out what is causing the light to be on. Billy reported that Rigo will be doing bits this coming weekend.

- (f) Airport 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. No news. Chief Maniaci reported that we have not received payment from the Sheriff's Department for the generator. Chief Maniaci has sent them the invoices along with a statement on when the invoices were originally sent out. Chief Maniaci is still waiting on a response from the Sheriff's Department and will follow up with the county as to why payment has not been received.
5. Board Review/ Approval of Payment Warrants since February 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All Board members confirmed that they have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
6. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin reported that she will be having a baby on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. She will be taking the following two weeks off from March 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Durgin will provide Commissioner Shaw everything she needs including the payroll warrant, tax wires, and all regular warrant requests up to March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Secretary Durgin has notified Joanne Werthwein of her leave and that Commissioner Shaw and Chief Maniaci are available if anything comes up.
7. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Commissioner Brown reported that according to Division Chief Fred Stump, when the county originally collected information to determine the percentage the department must pay for ERAF, the percentage was incorrect. The county can correct the percentage the department pays; however, the State of California still expects the same total dollar amount to be paid based on the original percentage. Even if corrected by the county, the difference from the original percentage will still need to be paid to the State of California. Commissioner Brown stated that the county should pay the difference because it is a rounding error in the county's budget. Fred Stump said that the department would have to find a legislator to write a bill and introduce it to the State of California for anything to be changed. Commissioner Brown stated that will most likely not happen and that the department should sue the State of California, include the county in the same suit, and ask for reimbursement of overpayment with interest. Fred Stump responded to Commissioner Brown stating that if the department moved forward with the suit, the cost would be high, and the department would most likely not win. Commissioner Brown noted that the department receives an excess ERAF distribution every year. Chief Maniaci stated that if we can show the county and State of California that we are receiving excess ERAF distribution, this can help the department's case in getting the percentage that the department pays corrected.

8. Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Brown stated that Scott Thorpe was unable to provide a justification for increasing fire mitigation fees for extra development on a residential property. Commissioner Brown also stated that according to Scott Thorpe, the State of California put a moratorium on fees for any additional ancillary sleeping areas. Chief Maniaci stated that based on the growth patterns, the residential development left within the district would not trigger an increase for fire mitigation fees.
9. First Draft of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget: Commissioner Shaw suggested everyone review the first draft budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 over the next month and the Board will address it at the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. Commissioner Brown suggested keeping the budget amount at \$358,000 until the department receives the updated AB8 report.
10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. No correspondence.
11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Chief Maniaci stated based on the existing budget the department can potentially carry over \$100,000 to \$135,000 into fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. Chief Maniaci stated based on purchases alone, the department should be spending about \$46,242.00 from now until fiscal year 2021-2022.
12. New Business. Chief Maniaci reported that he has yet to hear back regarding the CFAA agreement changes. Chief Maniaci stated that of the two invoices he sent to the Forest Service last year for services rendered on the wildland fires that Long Valley Fire Protection District responded to, the Forest Service is not going to pay the department. Chief Maniaci does not want to include this as an Agenda item as of yet but wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board.
13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF; Resolution regarding Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors; First Draft of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.
14. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Beveridge, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Katie Durgin  
Secretary to the Board