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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 12th, 2021**

Date: Wednesday, May 12th, 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, Training Officer Scott McGuire, Secretary Katie Durgin, John DePerro

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. A moment of silence was given in honor of Volunteer Don Maddox and his service with the Long Valley Fire Protection District.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. John DePerro recognized and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their service to Long Valley Fire Protection District and to the community.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 14th, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14TH, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Training Officer Scott McGuire updated the Board with the current firefighter roster which includes 30 volunteer firefighters, 18 of whom are solidly active. McGuire reported that Volunteer Paul Zastoupil, Volunteer Marguerite McDonald, and himself attended a training in Bishop. The training was done on a propane fire training tower that holds a temperature ranging from 350 to 800 degrees. McGuire is working on carrying out a similar training at the station with a focus on practicing roof cut operations. McGuire reported the volunteers will be doing wildland trainings for the next eight weeks. The trainings will include periods of lecture, practical application, and station readiness assignments. McGuire reported

that the volunteers served the community at the Pelican Grill for opening day of the fishing season.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 7 calls since April 14th regular meeting: 3 medical aids; 2 vehicle accidents; 1 vehicle fire; 1 reported fog/dust thought to be smoke.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Commissioner Brown asked about providing a COVID-19 service reward for the volunteer firefighters. Chief Maniaci is going to look into it and follow up. Chief Maniaci reported that he applied for a CAL FIRE grant for \$20,000. He will find out in August if the department will receive the grant. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that there will be fireworks at Crowley Lake for July 4th. Chief Maniaci reported that on June 6th, a few of the volunteers will be working at McGee campground with the annual firefighter Wounded Warrior program.

(b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that the emergency plan is being updated. The fire pumps have also been updated.

(c) Geothermal. Chief Maniaci reported that Mammoth Geothermal is starting to create a new safety plan given their expansion. Commissioner Brown asked regarding a news article in the Sheet under "Local Briefs." The article includes news that Mammoth Geothermal is going to do a test well near Shady Rest. There is also news regarding the Kore Mining doing exploratory drilling at Hot Creek. Gerry LeFrancios sent a letter that Mammoth Community Water District may be providing water for the drilling. Commissioner Brown asked what is going on with these two issues. Chief Maniaci responded that Mammoth Community Water District cut off the geothermal plant for their water. The geothermal plant is currently getting water from Mountain Meadows Mutual Water. Regarding the Kore Mining drilling, there is great opposition to it because the drilling can contaminate the water.

(d) Station Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that he gave mechanic Rigo Briviesca a pay raise for doing a great job on keeping all equipment current. Chief Maniaci is going to have Station Maintenance Manager Devin Preston to get in contact with Gordon Shaw to replace lights at the station.

(e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that the tires for reserve 3232 have been ordered. Once those are received, every vehicle will be current to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. All vehicles are current regarding bits. Equipment Maintenance Manager Billy Czeschin will be fixing 3271 and having the back door glass repaired. Commissioner Brown asked if there is still a broken engine mount on the reserve 3232. Chief Maniaci responded that we do not have a broken engine mount, but a worn engine mount.

- (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 spoke with Judy Curdy with Mono County Financial Department. She is going to make sure that Long Valley Fire receives payment from the Sheriff's department for maintenance on the backup generator.
5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since April 14th regular meeting. All Board members confirmed that they have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CZESCHIN TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
 6. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin reported that fiscal year 2020-2021 financial audit is taking place with Fetcher and Company. Durgin had a teleconference call with auditor Craig Fetcher to answer questions related to the audit. Craig will be scheduling an on-site visit at the end of June to see the new 3232 and the new roof. All requested invoices and information have been submitted to Fetcher and Company for them to perform the financial audit. Secretary Durgin will follow up with the Board concerning the audit at next regular meeting.
 7. Resolution in honor of Don Maddox and his service with the Fire Department. Chief Maniaci read out loud the resolution of condolence in honor of Don Maddox and his service to the Long Valley Fire Protection District. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve Resolution R21-01 Resolution of Condolence by the Long Valley Fire Protection District in honor, recognition, and appreciation for the family of Don Maddox for his years of valuable service. Commissioner Day seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 8. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
 9. Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors. No news. Carry over.
 10. Finalization of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget in Anticipation of Public Hearing in June 2021. Commissioner Brown asked if there is too much money being cut out of line item #104 Firefighters. Chief Maniaci responded that there is still \$16,150 allotted. He does not anticipate the number going over in fiscal year 2021-2022. Commissioner Brown noted that line item #219 Breathing Bottles was increased by \$8,590. Chief Maniaci responded that the cost of breathing bottles has increased. Commissioner Brown asked if the breathing bottles can be covered by the grant the Chief Maniaci applied for. Chief Maniaci responded that the breathing bottles cannot be covered under the grant. He is going to apply for another grant in July that will cover five units and ten breathing bottles. Commissioner Brown noted an increase in the budget for line item #301

Turnouts. Chief Maniaci responded that turnouts have increased to \$700 per set and had to increase the budget for that line item. Commissioner Brown asked if the department has enough wildland gear for the upcoming trainings. Chief Maniaci responded that they do have enough equipment. Commissioner Brown noted an increase by \$2,500 in line item #306 Nozzles Adapters. Chief Maniaci responded that the price of adapters has increased as well.

11. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. No correspondence.
12. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Commissioner Brown asked Chief Maniaci what his anticipated expenditures are for the remainder of fiscal year 2020-2021. Chief Maniaci responded that he is anticipating around \$52,000 to \$58,000 in expenditures. Commissioner Brown asked if we need to consider a Resolution to move a surplus in the balance from Account 320 to Account 321 at the end of the current fiscal year. Chief Maniaci reported that the department should be receiving revenue from a new building being built in the industrial park.
13. New Business. None.
14. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF; Resolution regarding Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors; COVID-19 Service Reward for Volunteers; Discussion on Resolution to Transfer Funds from Account 320 to 321 at the end of Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Discussion on Starting Future Board Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance; Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.
15. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on June 9th, 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