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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING June 9th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, June 9<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

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. Commissioner Beveridge informed the Board that he will not be at the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 monthly meeting.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. Chief Maniaci reported that the crew is continuing to do wildland training. Volunteer Paul Zastoupil is doing a phenomenal job at GPS mapping emergency response calls. Fred Stump, Paul Zastoupil, Gerry LeFrancios, and Chief Maniaci attended the Wounded Warriors camp.
  - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 7 calls since May 12th regular meeting: 4 EMS; 1 cancellation; 1 cooking fire; 1 smoke in the area.
  - C. Long Range Planning Discussion.
    - (a) Personnel. No news.

- (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that the Sky Crane is working the fire near Hilton Creek. They were able to get the fire mostly out and have crews hiking in to extinguish the fire completely.
  - (c) Geothermal. Chief Maniaci reported that he will be doing an on-sight visit to approve fire hydrant locations.
  - (d) Station Maintenance. The volunteers are working on cleaning up the flower bed in front of the station. Chief Maniaci reported that the volunteers are in the process of repairing and upgrading the training prop.
  - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that new wheels and tires have been put on reserve 3232. Billy Czeschin is doing a lube, oil, and filter on the new 3232. All bits have been completed. Billy Czeschin will have a small order in June of oil that will be stored at the station.
  - (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. Chief Maniaci reported that the Sheriff's department is not going to pay the invoice for maintenance on the backup generator. They will be installing their own generator at the Sheriff's station. Chief Maniaci stated that they need to remove their equipment from the property of the fire station and that the hold harmless agreement needs to be re-written at the cost of the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Day suggested that once there is proof of non-payment, the fire department should have an electrician disconnect the Sheriff's department from the backup generator.
5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since May 12<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 Fetcher and Company is currently working on the 2020-2021 financial audit. They will be performing an on-site visit to see the new roof and new 3232. Secretary Durgin will coordinate with Commissioner Shaw and Chief Maniaci when it comes time to schedule the on-site visit.
  7. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
  8. Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors. No news. Carry over.

9. COVID-19 Service Reward for Volunteers. Chief Maniaci suggested getting challenge coins to give to the volunteer firefighters for COVID-19 service. Commissioner Brown would like to get the challenge coin as well as a name badge with the department logo including the first and last name of the volunteer. Carry over.
10. Discussion on Resolution to Transfer Funds from Account 320 to 321 at the end of Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Commissioner Brown suggested we should transfer approximately 50% of our carry over balance from fiscal year 20/21 to Account 321. We will need a Resolution to do this. The transfer will replenish (some or all) of 321 from when we borrowed to purchase the new rescue 3271. We need to research exactly how much we borrowed.
11. Discussion on Starting Future Board Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Brown would like to start future board meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Maniaci will purchase an American flag to have in the meeting room at the station.
12. Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Commissioner Shaw opened the public hearing of the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. No public present. Chief Maniaci noted that there has not been a new AB8 report released. If the department receives a final number in July, the Board will adjust the budget accordingly. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$372,865 AS PRESENTED BY CHIEF MANIACI. MOTIONS PASSED 5-0.
13. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Commissioner Shaw reported that the department received a tax overpayment check from the Employment Development Department in the amount of \$92.00.
14. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. No adjustments were made.
15. New Business. Chief Maniaci reported that the California Board of Forestry (BOF) released a draft towards the end of last year regarding Fire Safe regulations. One of the items Chief Maniaci brought to attention is regarding the enforcement authority for State Responsibility Areas (SRA). The authority in charge of the SRA is responsible to pay for any costs in that area (e.g., CAL FIRE inspections, etc.). Chief Maniaci will follow up on the State Fire Safe regulations in case of any potential impacts it may have on the district. Chief Maniaci reported that Chief Schmidt with Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District has been working with the Forest Service and BLM regarding local payment agreements. Chief Schmidt will forward the agreements to all the districts except for Mammoth Fire. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that the department needs to have a Resolution stating we are to be reimbursed for payment to all volunteer firefighters who are sent out on a wildland fire. Chief Maniaci reported there will be a memorial service for Volunteer Firefighter Don Maddox held at the Baitx house on July 18th.

16. 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; BLM Local Agreement and Possible Resolution.
17. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on July 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