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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING July 14th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Time: 7:00 p.m. 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546 Location:

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, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. Commissioner Brown asked Chief Maniaci what the skid marks are on HWY 395. Chief Maniaci did not know what caused them.
- 2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.
- Approval of the Minutes of the June 9th, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE 3. BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9TH, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- 4. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. Chief Maniaci reported that the celebration of the life of Volunteer Firefighter Don Maddox will be held on Saturday, July 17th. Long Valley Fire will be helping with Bluesapalooza in Mammoth this year.
  - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 7 calls since June 9th regular meeting: 5 EMS and 2 wildland fires.
  - C. Long Range Planning Discussion.
    - Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that we have one new volunteer firefighter, (a) Carl Van Heron.

- (b) <u>Airport</u>. Chief Maniaci reported that the ramp project is currently taking place at the airport. Chief Maniaci reported that Advanced Air will be providing service to Mammoth Airport come November and December. Contour Air and RVR Aviation are still in negotiations regarding providing service to Mammoth this winter.
- (c) <u>Geothermal</u>. Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Santos will be doing a defensible space walk-through.
- (d) <u>Station Maintenance</u>. No news.
- (e) <u>Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance</u>. Chief Maniaci reported that 3225 will be going to the body shop for repairs as well as to get an estimate for a new paint job.
- (f) <u>Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire</u> <u>Protection District</u>. The MOU is being reviewed by the Town of Mammoth. They hope to have everything reviewed in the two weeks.
- (g) <u>Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire</u> <u>Dept. and Sheriff's Dept.</u> Chief Maniaci reported that Fred Stump has spoken with county council regarding the hold harmless agreement. County council is planning to have the hold harmless agreement as an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. After receiving their revisions, Long Valley Fire Board of Commissioners will review everything at the August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- (h) <u>Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action</u>. Chief Maniaci reported that they held a Fire Chiefs meeting to discuss the fire safe regulations, but no action is being made as of yet. Chief Maniaci reported that wildlife prevention cameras are being installed within the county. Long Valley is one of the areas they are looking to install cameras in. Chief Maniaci noted that he should be hearing more regarding camera installation within the next few months.
- 5. <u>Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting</u>. All Board members 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. <u>Secretary to the Board Report</u>. Secretary Durgin reported that Quarterly Tax Reports have been submitted. The deadline for reporting for the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Award program is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Payment needs to be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 7. <u>Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF)</u>. Fred Stump has spoken with the county as well as Tim Sanford regarding ERAF. Fred Stump has recommended

that Long Valley Fire should present a Resolution to the county asking them to provide the price difference between the current rate and the rate that they should have been assessed at. Fred Stump suggests that Long Valley Fire should also send the resolution to State Governor, Assembly, and Senate. Chief Maniaci will prepare four copies of the Resolution for review at our next regular meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

- 8. <u>Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors</u>. No news. Carry over.
- 9. <u>COVID-19 Service Reward for Volunteers</u>. Chief Maniaci has submitted some sketches of what he would like the challenge coins to look like. Commissioner Brown suggested to give each firefighter two coins, one for their use and one for them to give to a family member or a friend.
- 10. <u>Discussion on Resolution to Transfer Funds from Account 320 to 321 at the end of Fiscal</u> Year 2020-2021. Commissioner Brown explained that money was taken out of account 321 when 3271 was purchased. To his understanding, we needed to transfer that money back into account 321. After speaking with Fred Stump, Fred stated that because 3271 was on the Capital Improvement List, we do not need to transfer funds from Account 320 back into 321. The Board decided that they will not transfer funds.
- 11. <u>BLM Local Agreement and Possible Resolution</u>. Carry over.
- 12. <u>Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting</u>. Secretary Durgin reported that she received an email from Joanne Werthwein with the county. The email informed the Special Districts that their office will be having quiet hours Monday through Friday from 10am to 12pm to complete important tasks. They will not be answering any calls or emails during this time.
- 13. <u>Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept</u>. Commissioner Brown asked what invoices should be expected that will be coming out of the final budget for fiscal year 20-21. Chief Maniaci noted a few invoices totaling around \$13,000 that will come out of fiscal year 20-21 budget. Secretary Durgin informed the Board that she applied the State Compensation Insurance Fund refund check to the new 21-22 fiscal year budget. This will better streamline the process of entering items into Expenditures for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Commissioner Shaw stated that in the future any deposits that are received will be applied to the current fiscal year.
- 14. <u>New Business</u>. Chief Maniaci has been notified by several people in the community about the Crowley Lake Fish Camp locking their gates between the hours of 9pm and 6am causing people to be locked in. Chief Maniaci is going to draft a letter stating that the Crowley Lake Fish Camp is in violation of the natural resource code. Chief Maniaci will submit the letter to Tim Sanford for review before sending it to DWP.

- 15. <u>Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting.</u> Update on ERAF/Resolution to the County; Resolution regarding Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors; BLM Local Agreement and Possible Resolution.
- 16. <u>Adjournment</u>. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on August 11<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