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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 11th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, August 11th, 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, Volunteer Firefighter
Beau Montagne

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. Commissioner Brown would like to have a moment of silence at the next regular meeting to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 14th, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14TH, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Firefighter Beau Montagne reported that he worked the Dexter fire near Bald Mountain north of Owen's River Road. The crew did such a great job that they were asked to stay a few days longer. They provided a crucial water source to help fight the fire.
 - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 5 calls since July 14th regular meeting: 3 medical aids and 2 fires.
 - C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that we have two new recruits, Scott Cherry and John Connolly.
- (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that service with Advanced Air will begin around Thanksgiving.
- (c) Geothermal. Long Valley Fire has a walk-through on Thursday, August 12th. Mammoth Fire has been invited to join the walk-through.
- (d) Station Maintenance. All self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) have been recertified. Chief Maniaci reported that Scott, the company that provides the SCBA equipment for the fire department, has pulled their contract with Cascade Fire Equipment. Due to the contract being pulled, the fire department does not yet know where they will service SCBA equipment from in the future. Chief Maniaci will have the crew working on cleaning up the station including clearing out the weeds. Commissioner Beveridge noted that there were several boxes in the dumpster a few days ago that should not have been there. Chief Maniaci will remind the crew not to put cardboard boxes in the dumpster but to recycle them instead.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that they are working on fixing a tank leak in 3231. Billy Czeschin is getting a cost estimate from Burton's Fire regarding a few items that need to be addressed.
- (f) Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Town Council Andy Morris has a couple items he would like to change in the MOU. Morris disagreed with Long Valley placing the County of Mono codes and ordinances in this MOU. Chief Maniaci will send the MOU to legal council Tim Sanford to make edits.
- (g) Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. After reviewing the draft, Chief Maniaci and Commissioner Shaw made some changes regarding storing vehicles on the property. The Board agrees that only the command post and one tow vehicle will be allowed to be stored on the property. Regarding snow removal by the county, the Board agrees that when the county is not available to plow, the district will plow snow at the station and the Sheriff's department only. They will not plow at the library or the park. Chief Maniaci would like to add an agreement stating that the Sheriff's department can charge their radios in the mobile command post, but they cannot heat it during the cold months. Commissioner Brown noted that on the last page where persons are listed for correspondence, Vince Maniaci should have his title as "Fire Chief" listed. Chief Maniaci would like to have a Board member listed as well. Chief Maniaci will forward the MOU to legal council Tim Sanford for changes and resubmittal. Chief Maniaci recommended to have a timeline for the Board to

review all MOUs. The Board agrees to review all MOUs annually in the second quarter of the year.

- (h) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. Chief Maniaci reported that the current California Fire Assistance Agreements (CFAA) are being reviewed. Long Valley Fire is still being held under the 2019-2020 agreements that were originally signed. Carry over.
- 5. Board Review/ Approval of Payment Warrants since July 14th regular meeting. 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. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin reported that the Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award has been submitted. The invoice will be paid in the upcoming warrant. Secretary Durgin has had issues with not having authorized access to speak with a representative concerning the Verizon Wireless account. Secretary Durgin asked Chief Maniaci to contact Verizon Wireless to have them add her as authorized personnel.
- 7. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF)/EFAF Resolution to the County, State Governor, State Assembly, and State Senate. The Board reviewed Resolution 21-03. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R21-03 REQUESTING MONO COUNTY TO REVIEW THE PRICE DIFFERENCE OF ERAF COLLECTED FROM LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. PASSED 5-0.
- 8. Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors. No news. Carry over.
- 9. BLM Local Agreement and Possible Resolution. Chief Maniaci explained that every year Long Valley Fire submits an annual salary survey to Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM has now asked all districts to provide them with a Resolution authorizing the portal-to-portal payment for employees who are assigned to an emergency incident away from their local station. Chief Maniaci reported that in doing this, the department will be reimbursed for volunteer firefighters working the incident as well as payment for the use of an apparatus. Chief Maniaci presented Resolution 21-02 to the Board. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R21-02 AUTHORIZING OVERTIME AND PORTAL TO PORTAL PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. PASSED 5-0.
- 10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Chief Maniaci noted that John Supp with Fetcher and Company completed the on-sight visit at the station.

11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Secretary Durgin reported a correction that needed to be made regarding a Fourth of July check deposit. She will send the Board the corrected Expenditure Summary and Budget Balance Sheet.
12. New Business. Commissioner Shaw will take the collected money for the xerox machine from the station. She will send a check to the department in the amount of \$64.30. The deposit will be allocated to budget line item #202 Office Supplies.
13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF; Resolution regarding Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors.
14. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Czeschin, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on September 8th, 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