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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 8th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, September 8th, 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, Volunteer Firefighter John Kokado

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. A moment of silence was observed to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. No announcements.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 11th, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11TH, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer John Kokado reported there have been 14 calls since last regular meeting. One call included a bonfire that caught roughly 30 feet of ground brush on fire. The crew was able to extinguish the fire quickly. John reported on another call concerning a man having heart issues. The man was treated and seemed to be doing well. The volunteers responded to a call two days later concerning the same man. After performing CPR on him, he sadly passed away. Chief Maniaci reported on a call concerning a paraglider. The paraglider missed his landing and hit the windshield of a van shattering his pelvis and leg into 12 pieces. Commissioner Brown asked if there have been any vehicle accidents with the current highway construction. Chief Maniaci responded that there have not been any vehicle accidents in regard to the construction.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 14 calls since August 11th regular meeting: 3 vehicle accidents, 9 EMS, 2 vehicle fires.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that Bo Montagne is currently working the Caldor Fire. Chief Maniaci reported that the department should be receiving a \$35,000 check from Inyo Forest Service for the Dexter Fire. The volunteers received \$2,999 for their work at the Bluesapalooza.
- (b) Airport. No news.
- (c) Geothermal. The walk-through on August 12th went well.
- (d) Station Maintenance. No news.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Billy Czeschin reported that 3231 has a few issues they are working on. The damage to the door on the new 3232 is cosmetic. The door is functioning properly. Chief Maniaci is working to get John Kokado to take 3225 to get a new paint job. Billy reported there was a minor recall from Cummins on 3232. Billy is currently communicating with Cummins as to when they will address the recall. 3231 is the priority. Once 3231 is fixed, Billy will address the door on the new 3232. Commissioner Brown asked if there needs to be any work done on the snowblower and loader. Billy and Chief Maniaci both agree there needs to be minor maintenance done on both in anticipation of winter.
- (f) Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Maniaci added the edits from the Board to the MOU and sent it back to Town Council Andy Morris. Chief Maniaci will follow up with Andy Morris.
- (g) Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. The hold harmless agreement was updated with all changes the Board made and is supposed to go to the Board of Supervisors on September 21st.
- (h) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. Chief Maniaci reported that the department will keep the current California Fire Assistance Agreements (CFAA) through the winter. Long Valley Fire will readdress the agreements come spring. Carry over.

5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since August 11th 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 spoke with a representative from State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) in response to correspondence received to address any changes made to our premiums from the Governors COVID-19 stay-at-home order. In the conversation it came to the Secretary's attention that the numbers SCIF has as the basis for our premiums were incorrect (e.g., they reported 67 volunteers when the department only has 27 volunteers). Secretary Durgin will follow up with SCIF to get the numbers corrected.
7. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Chief Maniaci reported that the Resolutions have been adopted. Legal Council Tim Sanford and Chief Maniaci will submit a letter along with the Resolutions to the County, State Governor, State Assembly, and State Senate. Commissioner Shaw noted that the signed Resolutions were not showing blue ink through the process of being scanned. In the future, Chief Maniaci will send any Resolutions to Secretary Durgin first, then collect the other signatures before submittal.
8. Resolution for Fire Mitigation Fee Review for Board of Supervisors. No news.
9. Resolution R21-04 Calfire Rural Fire Capacity-7GF21071. Chief Maniaci was able to get the department a grant for \$20,000 from Calfire. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R21-04 OF THE LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT #7GF21071 AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin reported correspondence from Christian Mello with George Petersen Insurance regarding a quote for property, liability, and auto insurance. Chief Maniaci will provide the information he needs to provide a quote. Chief Maniaci will put Secretary Durgin in contact with Ben Romo, a former Long Valley firefighter who now works with ISU Insurance. Ben Romo will help choose the best insurance plan for the department.
11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Secretary Durgin reported that fourth quarter revenue was received in both account 320 and 321 for fiscal year 2020-2021. Secretary Durgin noted that because of the new revenue, the forwarding balance into fiscal year 2021-2022 in both accounts has changed. The forwarding balance has been updated on the new fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that the final AB8 report has been received. The department will be receiving \$379,693 which is a difference of \$6,828 from the estimated AB8 report. Chief Maniaci will allocate this amount into the budget line items that may need extra funds.

12. New Business. Commissioner Brown asked if there is a new vendor to service the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) due to Scott withdrawing their service agreement. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that there is not yet a new vendor to service the SCBAs. Commissioner Brown requested this to be a recurring item under Chief's Report for future meetings.
13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF.
14. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Beveridge, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on October 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The motion passed 5-0.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board