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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING December 8th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

Members Present: Hank Brown, Ron Day, Sharon Shaw, Kim Czeschin

Members Absent: Tom Beveridge

Others Present: Chief Vincent Maniaci, Secretary Katie Durgin, Volunteer Les Perpall

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Brown announced that yesterday was December 7<sup>th</sup> which was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenda items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
4. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Les Perpall reported that the past month has been uneventful with only one emergency call. The call was made on Rock Creek Road. Perpall reported that triage training held at the airport went very well. As lakes in the area are starting to freeze, the volunteers are looking forward to doing ice training once the weather permits. Perpall reported there are several new volunteers. The volunteer roster is high with the volunteers being very eager to learn and serve on the department. The Christmas party is coming up on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Convict Lake Resort.
  - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 1 medical aid call since last regular meeting.

### C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that there are 31 current volunteers on the department. There is a new volunteer who has completed his application and third official training. Chief Maniaci will provide Secretary Durgin with his paperwork. Chief Maniaci reported that the department received the approval application for the CalFire grant. Chief Maniaci will send a copy of the application to Secretary Durgin. Chief Maniaci will update the System Award Management (SAM) renewal.
- (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that flights are officially up and running. The airport will be offering summer flights from June to September, break for October, then resume end of November. Commissioner Brown asked how preparation is going at the Bishop Airport. Chief Maniaci responded that they are continuing their efforts to be ready, however they have not yet started the countertops or TSA equipment install. Commissioner Brown asked who is running the ground transportation between Bishop and Mammoth. Chief Maniaci responded that a company out of Colorado called CO West will be providing ground transportation.
- (c) Geothermal. No news.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Devin Preston and other volunteers are working on several items that need to be completed at the station. Commissioner Brown noted there is a large equipment tow item on the back side of the fence that needs to be addressed. Commissioner Brown asked about the mobile command unit that is parked at the station. Chief Maniaci explained the need for the mobile command unit and that he would like to have it parked at the station. Chief Maniaci noted that the mobile command unit belongs to the Chief's Association.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported an incident that occurred with 3281 during one of the volunteer trainings. One of the volunteers accidentally clipped a fence post on the way to the airport. The front bumper including the headlight and part of the hood on the passenger side was damaged. Chief Maniaci reported another incident where 3281 was accidentally backed into 3280 damaging the driver side bumper. The brake light on 3280 was also damaged. Chief Maniaci inquired of the Board on whether they would like to get it covered by insurance or get a cost estimate to repair without using insurance. Commissioner Brown suggested the department pay for repairs and review costs when finished. If the cost is enough to submit to insurance the Board can decide at that point. The Board of Commissioners agreed.

- (f) Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Maniaci reported that the new Airport Deputy Manager, Sierra Schultz, is taking over for Grady Dutton. Sierra Schultz will be officially handling the MOU. Legal counsel Andy Morris reviewed the MOU draft that Long Valley provided. Andy Morris questioned the need for the MOU at all. Due to a history of the district not being provided proper paperwork and inspections, Chief Maniaci expressed his concerns regarding several items in the MOU that he wants to ensure the Town of Mammoth understands and agrees to.
  - (g) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. Chief Maniaci reported that the Board of Forestry Joint Committee had discussions yesterday regarding proposed revisions to its Fire Safe Regulations. The Board of Forestry is proposing new building construction requirements to better prevent and suppress wildfires. Once the committee decides what revisions they want to adopt, they will provide opportunity for the public to evaluate the changes being proposed. In mid-January the committee should have a decision made. Commissioner Brown asked if the new criteria will be incorporated into Mono County building codes. Chief Maniaci responded that the new criteria will be adopted into Mono County building codes.
  - (h) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Service. Chief Maniaci reported that the Chiefs Association reached out to 3M Scott regarding servicing the SCBAs. 3M Scott is formulating a plan to get the SCBAs serviced in the area.
- 5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since November 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All Board members have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin made a correction on the warrants regarding the total amount paid to Silver State International. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
  - 6. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin followed up with the State Controller's Office providing them with the requested copy of Long Valley Fire Protection District Employee Compensation Report for the 2020 calendar year. Due to the holidays, Secretary Durgin will send Commissioner Shaw the tax wires this weekend as opposed to the last weekend of the month. To look ahead, Secretary Durgin will be completing Quarterly Tax Reports for the fourth quarter of 2021. She will also be sending out W-2 forms at the beginning of January.
  - 7. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
  - 8. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Commissioner Shaw forwarded a letter to Secretary Durgin from State Compensation Insurance Fund regarding a change of address.

9. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. The Board reviewed the current FY budget line items. Commissioner Brown commented that the department is in good financial standing.
10. New Business. Chief Maniaci drafted a Request for Qualifications to fill the Fire Chief position for the department. He will send the draft to the Board for review.
11. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF; Discussion on Solar Panel Installation at the Fire Station.
12. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Czeschin, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The motion passed 4-0.

Katie Durgin  
Secretary to the Board