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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING June 8th, 2022

Date: Wednesday, June 8th, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

Members Present: Hank Brown, Tom Beveridge, Sharon Shaw, Kim Czeschin

Members Absent: Ron Day

Others Present: Acting Fire Chief Vince Maniaci, Former Fire Chief Fred Stump, Training Officer Scott McGuire, Assistant Training Officer Pete De George, Volunteer Soibian Spring, Fleet Manager Billy Czeschin, Secretary Katie Durgin, Sunny Slopes Resident Hap Hazard.

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. Commissioner Brown announced that he will be attending the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting next week. He noted that a topic of discussion at the meeting may be regarding Mammoth Fire expanding their sphere of influence to include the bottom portion of the Red Lakes area. Commissioner Beveridge announced that he will not be at the July 13th regular meeting.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. Sunny Slopes resident Hap Hazard asked the Long Valley Fire Board of Commissioners to include discussion on building a fire station in the Sunny Slopes area as a recurring agenda item for future meetings. Hap explained several reasons why Sunny Slopes needs a fire station. He discussed fire concerns that the community has as well as the difficulties they are having with obtaining fire insurance. The Board of Commissioners agreed to include *Discussion on Proposed Fire Station in Sunny Slopes Area* as a recurring agenda item.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 11th, 2022 regular meeting. Commissioner Brown asked that Secretary Durgin read a corrected sentence from the Minutes. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11TH, 2022 REGULAR MEETING. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Chief's Report.

- A. Volunteer's Report. Training Officer Scott McGuire reported that there have been nine calls since last regular meeting including medical aids, a wildfire false alarm, and a call regarding downed power lines. Scott reported that the volunteer firefighter roster has not changed since last regular meeting. There are currently 33 volunteers serving on the department. The volunteers have completed the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and CPR training program and are currently beginning wildland training. Former Fire Chief Fred Stump reported that four Long Valley volunteer firefighters went to the Wounded Warriors Program event at the McGee Creek RV Park where they helped served dinner to veterans.
- B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. Nine calls since last regular meeting.
- C. Long Range Planning Discussion.
- (a) Personnel. No news.
 - (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that Advanced Airline flight service starts on June 15th.
 - (c) Geothermal. The Casa Diablo IV geothermal plant is planned to be in full operation on June 22th.
 - (d) Station Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that the department is still in need of a fire station cleaner. Fred Stump reported that the ice machine is still broken. He has notified Station Maintenance Manager Devin Preston. Chief Maniaci reported that Southern California Edison (SCE) met with the crew to get the pole for the antenna straightened. Chief Maniaci has written a thank you letter from the department to Southern California Edison managers Samantha Nelson, Gregory Earhart, and Calvin Rossi. He will be sending the letter to SCE this week. Chief Maniaci verified that the asphalt is still sunken at the station. Fred Stump reported on behalf of Commissioner Day that there is a \$500 upfront cost to install the Solar Panels. Secretary Durgin confirmed that the department has already paid the \$500 upfront cost to Berger Solar Electric. Discussion was made on how to approach solar panel installation on the fire station roof. Scott McGuire suggested pursuing a grant to cover the cost of solar panels. Chief Maniaci will follow up with Commissioner Day to acquire the set of plans for the solar panel installation.
 - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Billy Czeschin reported that 3281 is currently at Silver State International Trucks in Modesto, California. The work on 3281 is completed, however while it was being worked on, they discovered an issue with the DEF sensor. Cummins has a design to bypass the computer system involved with the DEF sensor, however Silver State International Trucks does not. This is a known problem with all the new fire engines. Billy Czeschin is working to resolve the issue whether it be finding a new DEF

sensor part or bypassing the system. He will keep the Board updated concerning this issue. Fred Stump put in a request to the Mono County Supervisor for surplus county vehicles should they be available this year. The last two Chief's vehicles have been surplus county vehicles. The Mono County Administrative Officer and the Mono County Supervisor are fully in favor of the county continuing to make vehicles available to special districts. Fred Stump put in a request specifically for a Chief's vehicle as well as a heavy duty 4WD truck.

(f) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. The Board of Forestry posted an updated draft of the fire safe regulations for a 15-day review. Chief Maniaci reported that he did read through the draft and did not see anything that would warrant a response from Long Valley Fire Protection District. Fred Stump noted that though the 15-day review has expired, he has not yet seen a final adoption of the draft.

(g) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Service. Chief Maniaci reported that a representative from 3M will be providing a quote for replacing and servicing the SCBA bottles.

5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since May 11th regular meeting. All Board members have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CZESHIN TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
6. Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Chief Maniaci commented that the department has not received a final AB8 report. Commissioner Brown commented that based on the latest AB8 report, the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget total is \$388,110 instead of \$388,106. Chief Maniaci will update the budget accordingly. Commissioner Brown highlighted that based on the AB8 report, \$66,832 will go to Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Commissioner Shaw opened public hearing for the adoption of fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. There is no public present. Commissioner Shaw closed the public hearing. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHAW, TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
7. Officer Elections. Commissioner Shaw suggested that Long Valley Fire Protection District elect a new Chair of the Board. She notified the Board that her term ends this year. Commissioner Shaw is still undecided on whether she will reapply. If she does not, the Board should begin considering a replacement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE THAT COMMISSIONER SHAW CONTINUE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR THE DURATION OF HER TERM. WHEN HER TERM IS ENDED, THE BOARD WILL DECIDE ON A CHAIR AT THAT TIME. MOTION PASSED 3-1.

8. Discussion on possible hiring of new Fire Chief. Commissioner Shaw reported that the department has not yet received any applications for the Fire Chief position. Commissioner Shaw asked Training Officer Scott McGuire to consider applying for the position. Commissioner Brown further asked the four qualified volunteers attending the meeting if any of them would consider applying for the Fire Chief position. Commissioner Shaw noted that in the future, there needs to be a delegation of the workload of the Fire Chief position. Volunteer Soibian Spring commented that she will inform the volunteers at Thursday training on the nature of the situation and see if the volunteers can provide any ideas on how to move forward. Soibian commented that the volunteers would prefer to have an applicant from within the department, however if there is no interest, the department should continue to advertise outside of the department. Carry over.
9. Review Draft of Long Valley Fire Protection District Bylaws. The Board of Commissioners agreed to have Commissioner Brown and Chief Maniaci review the draft bylaws together at different time. Commissioner Brown and Chief Maniaci will report back to the Board concerning any changes made. Carry over.
10. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
11. Discussion on Solar Panel Installation at the Fire Station. Chief Maniaci will contact Commissioner Day regarding provision of the solar panel installation plans from Berger Solar Electric. Carry over.
12. Secretary to the Board's Report. Secretary Durgin reported regarding the Property Tax Administration (PTA) Fee. In fiscal year 2020-2021, the county found that districts as a whole did not have enough monies in their account to cover the PTA fee. Instead of issuing the PTA fee to the few districts that did have money, the county decided that it would be better to process the 2020-2021 PTA fee in the current fiscal year. This decision was made after the 2020-2021 end-of-year Expenditures were finalized which included the PTA fee in the amount of \$9,537. Secretary Durgin asked the Board if she can correct the 2020-2021 finalized Expenditures by removing the \$9,537 PTA fee and apply it to the current fiscal year Expenditures. Commissioner Shaw stated that Durgin should make the necessary changes and present the corrected 2020-2021 Final Expenditures to the Board at the next regular meeting. Secretary Durgin reported she will process the airport coverage payout as a separate payroll this week. Secretary Durgin reported that Shannon LeGrand and Joanne Werthwein will be meeting with Fetcher and Company to discuss how the financial audits will be handled in light of the passing of Craig Fetcher.
13. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin reported on correspondence from Christian Mello with George Petersen Insurance Agency. He stated that he is anticipating a 5-7% increase in liability insurance. Secretary Durgin received a letter from Alpha Supply regarding documentation that needs to be submitted if the department is exempt from paying sales tax. Chief Maniaci verified that the department is not exempt from paying sales tax.

14. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Commissioner Brown asked what the anticipated expenses will be from now until the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Chief Maniaci responded that anticipated expenses are estimated to be \$35,000.
15. New Business. Chief Maniaci is drafting a letter to the Mono County Administrative Officer and Mono County Supervisor concerning the department's opposition to the California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) system.
16. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Discussion on possible hiring of new Fire Chief; Review Draft of Long Valley Fire Protection District Bylaws; Update on ERAF; Discussion on Solar Panel Installation at the Fire Station; Discussion on Proposed Fire Station in Sunny Slopes Area.
17. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on July 13th, 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