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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 14th, 2022

Date: Wednesday, September 14th, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

Members Present: Hank Brown, Sharon Shaw (attending meeting via telecommunication),
Ron Day, Tom Beveridge, Kim Czeschin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Acting Fire Chief Vince Maniaci, Division Chief Fred Stump, Training
Officer Scott McGuire, Equipment Maintenance Manager Billy Czeschin,
Volunteer Soibian Spring, Sunny Slopes Resident Hap Hazard, Board
Secretary Katie Durgin

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. No announcements.
2. Resolution No. R22-01 Recognizing A State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual Remote Meetings and Procedures for the Long Valley Fire Protection District. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R22-01 A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Opportunity for public to address the Board on items of interest to the public that are not agendaized and within the jurisdiction of the Board. No public comments.
4. Discussion on Proposed Fire Station in the Sunny Slopes Area. Hap Hazard began discussion with stating that there are residents of the Sunny Slopes area who have stepped forward to volunteer with the department. Hap informed the Board that there are six members from Sunny Slopes who will join the Sunny Slopes fire station committee. He stated that he would like to set a date for their first meeting. Hap reported that he has been in touch with some potential sources to fund the project. Commissioner Shaw emphasized that there needs to be volunteers before any decisions are made to building the fire station. Commissioner Day agreed stating

that moving forward with building the station is premature until the department has established volunteers to run it. Hap argued that building the fire station will take just as much time as establishing volunteers and both can be done simultaneously.

Discussion was made regarding how to move forward with creating the Sunny Slopes Fire station committee. Commissioner Shaw suggested the fire station committee become a fire safe council instead of an ad hoc committee due to the formal requirements of the Brown Act for ad hoc committee meetings. Commissioner Brown concurred with Commissioner Shaw. He stated that he could provide support from Long Valley Fire by attending the fire safe council meetings and report back to the Long Valley Board of Commissioners. Fred Stump clarified that for the committee to have a non-agendized informal meeting, no more than two Board members from Long Valley Fire can attend. Fred continued that those Board members cannot take any action during the meetings but can report back to the Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meetings. Chief Maniaci noted that moving forward with the committee as a fire safe council will be a very successful asset in this process. He stated that a fire safe council will provide more strength and voice for funding opportunities. Once a fire safe council is in place, the Long Valley Board of Commissioners can then bring support by sponsoring the council. Chief Maniaci has two individuals who have stepped forward to create the council knowing how important it is for the community. He agreed with Commissioner Brown to have a member of the Long Valley Board of Commissioners attend the fire safe council meetings and report back to the Board. Hap Hazard agrees that a fire safe council is a viable option in moving forward but would like to leave that decision to the committee. Commissioner Brown informed the Board that he has been doing some research on what it would cost to acquire a plot plan for the property. Commissioner Brown brought discussion to a close concluding that Hap Hazard will set a date for the committee's first meeting and the Board will provide members to attend.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the August 10th, 2022 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CZESCHIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10TH, 2022 REGULAR MEETING. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Soibian Spring reported on a Community Emergency Preparedness Workshop that took place at the Community Center in Crowley. She shared that the workshop was very positive and beneficial for the community. Items discussed included fuels reduction, emergency situations, winter driving preparedness, fire prevention, wildfire preparedness, as well as other topics. She stated the workshop was tailored to people who care about their community and have the time to give their input. One of the items shared at the workshop was how effective a fire safe council can be for a community and how having one can open opportunities for grants. Training Officer Scott McGuire reported that there have been five calls since last regular meeting. The current volunteer roster is at 34 volunteers. This number does include the five new volunteers from Sunny Slopes.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. Chief Maniaci will be attending a meeting with the Eastern Sierra Fire Alliance at the end of the month. Items that will be discussed include fire safe regulations as well as how recreation can impact the forest and wildland fires. Chief Maniaci reported that Long Valley Fire has been asked to attend the Crowley Run on September 25th.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci reported that Paul Zastoupil has become the Long Valley Fire Chaplain. He has acted to console loved ones on several emergency response calls in the past. He stated that Paul will do a great job and is very committed to the task. Chief Maniaci informed the Board that there are some red hat trainings that are coming up including a hazardous materials training.
- (b) Airport. Chief Maniaci reported that charter services are now done and will start again on November 23rd. The Mammoth Airport just signed a winter service agreement and are currently working on a year-round agreement.
- (c) Geothermal. No news.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Equipment Maintenance Manager Billy Czeschin asked if the department could sell the equipment at the back of the station to the sewer district for \$1. Fred Stump stated that the department needs to declare the equipment as surplus, combine the equipment into a lot for sale by bid, then get approval to sell the lot to a public entity. The Board agreed to agendaize this item for the October 12th Board meeting.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Billy Czeschin reported that he is still waiting on parts for 3231. Billy reported that reserve 3232 is stationed indoors at the Mammoth Airport. Commissioner Brown asked how the tire replacement program is going. Billy stated that they are going to start replacing tires next year and confirmed that they are on track with the tire replacement program. Chief Maniaci reported that the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) have been recertified.
- (f) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. No news on the Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations. Chief Maniaci reported that he did inform the county that Long Valley Fire will not be providing will-serve letters for the three projects in the area that are being proposed including the Appleton project, the Reedy Schott project, and the yurt project behind Crowley Lake.

7. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since August 10th regular meeting. All Board members have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION

WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion on Possible Hiring of New Fire Chief. Chief Maniaci reported that he received a Letter of Intent from Training Officer Scott McGuire. Chief Maniaci and Scott McGuire are continuing discussions concerning the details of the position. Carry over.
9. Adoption of the Long Valley Fire Protection District Bylaws. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BYLAWS AS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2020. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Review of paid staff positions, duties, and pay scale and possibly make any changes deemed necessary. Chief Maniaci reported that they are continuing discussions on staff positions, duties, and pay scale. He did inform the Board that the station maintenance position has been removed. Carry over.
11. Resolution No. 22-02 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CZESCHIN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-02 APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. Roll call taken. Motion passed. 5-0.
12. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
13. Discussion on solar panel installation at the fire station. Chief Maniaci presented a proposal request for bid to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brown clarified that the proposal is to install solar panels on the front fascia of the fire station instead of on the roof or in the back of the station. Chief Maniaci stated that he spoke with an individual from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and they are fine with Long Valley Fire moving forward with solar panel installation. However, LADWP does need the final set of plans that are being proposed. Commissioner Day suggested installing more panels than what the proposal entails to maximize energy production. However, if the Board is happy with the proposal as is, he is in favor of moving forward with it. The Board approved the proposal and directed Chief Maniaci to move forward with the request for bid.
14. Secretary to the Board's Report. Secretary Durgin reported that she will be needing the volunteer firefighter end-of-year stipend numbers by November 1st. Training Officer Scott McGuire will follow up with Secretary Durgin to access those numbers via the volunteer personnel database. Secretary Durgin reported that quarterly tax reports are coming up and she will be completing those beginning of October.
15. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin received a notice from the Employment Development Department (EDD) that one of

the Long Valley volunteers has filed a claim for Federal-State Extended Duration of Benefits under the California Unemployment Insurance Code. Secretary Durgin also reported a letter from Linde Gas & Equipment Inc (LG&E). The letter stated that Alpha Supply LLC has been acquired by LG&E and included a new remittance address for future invoices. Chief Maniaci reported that volunteer Soibian Spring was awarded her seventh year of the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Award (VFLSA) along with five other volunteers from Long Valley Fire. Secretary Durgin will be sending out the award letters once she receives them from VFLSA.

16. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Secretary Durgin notified the Board that the general ledger will not close until the end of September and there is a possibility of more changes to the account. Secretary Durgin will send out the final Expenditures Summary and Budget Balance at next regular meeting once the general ledger has been closed. Chief Maniaci stated that funds from the Cal Fire grant will help reimburse expenses under line items 210, 301, 302, and 308 for fiscal year 2021-2022.
17. New Business. Chief Maniaci reported that a company working for Mono County is requesting information in reference to organization management of Long Valley Fire. He is following up regarding the information requested. Chief Maniaci proposed that Long Valley Fire create a master fee schedule. He has been running into issues with the water districts not providing appropriate hydrant pressures. It is costing the department significant time to resolve these issues and he would like to charge for that time.
18. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Discussion on proposed fire station in Sunny Slopes area; Review of paid staff positions, duties, and pay scale; Discussion on possible hiring of new Fire Chief; Update on ERAF; Discussion on solar panel installation at the fire station; Declare the pressure washer, the old air compressor, and the grease gun as surplus and direct the Fire Chief to combine those items as a lot for sale by bid; Develop and adopt a Master Fee Schedule for Long Valley Fire Protection District.
19. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner Czeschin, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on October 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board