

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 21st, 2018**

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at 6:00 pm at St. Therese's Mission in Charleston View.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum:

Jon Zellhoefer, Chairperson, Present
Aaron Smith, Vice-Chairperson, Present
Jim Furlough, Secretary, Present
Ed Thomas, Treasurer, Present
Gary Barkley, Member, Present

Present: Chairperson Jon Zellhoefer, Vice Chairperson Aaron Smith, Secretary Jim Furlough, Member Gary Barkley, Treasurer Ed Thomas, Fire Chief Carl Dennett, District Mechanic Larry Levy, Admin Chad Zalunardo

Visitors: Cheryl Zellhoefer, Alex Noble, Claudia Andracki, Eric Ven

Chair Zellhoefer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, called roll, and established a quorum.

II. Confirmation of Agenda/Reading of Minutes- Motion to approve by Aaron Smith, Seconded by Ed Thomas. 5,0,0.

III. Public Comment-Cheryl Zellhoefer submitted a copy of, and read for the record, a 12-point letter she wrote regarding Jon Zellhoefer and his businesses in downtown Tecopa. The letter stated in part that Cheryl "was made aware of the letter composed by Cynthia (Kienitz) and read at the last meeting" and that she (Cheryl) sought to "reassure" the Board of "safety measures Jon has taken with his businesses".

Claudia Andracki stated for the record that she has noticed an increase of big semi traffic. Witness to apparent driver disregard for posted speed limit, she contends they are circumventing traditional routes. Jon Zellhoefer suggested a formal Board statement supporting Fire District efforts to increase level of enforcement. Chief Dennett reported that CHP is actively monitoring truck traffic to curtail the activity. Vice Chairperson Aaron Smith makes motion to draw up a letter regarding the safety of truck traffic coming through the area, weight and speed concerns in particular. Secretary Furlough seconded. 5, 0, 0. Secretary Furlough volunteered to draft proposed letter to the County, Chairperson Zellhoefer to review.

IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review- Budget request from Inyo County for F/Y 2018/2019.

V. Consent Calendar-

Consent calendar items are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board with a single action. Members of the audience wishing to provide public input may request that the Board remove the item from the Consent Calendar. Creation of fee schedule for SAR MOU initiated.

VI. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports

A. Board Member Reports

1. Board Chair Report- none

2. Treasury Report –Motion to accept Treasury Report by Gary Barkley, Seconded by Aaron Smith. 5,0,0

B. Fire Chief's Report- Chief Dennett attended Inyo County Board of Supervisors Meeting to comment on proposed amendments to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan that could possibly re-open Charleston View to large-scale solar projects similar to Bright Source.

Weights and Measures actively conducting additional stops on local roads due to abuse, specifically overburdened and uncovered loads as requested by Chief Dennett and CHP.

Development of EMS response in Charleston View progressing. Chief Dennett introduced the three newly-graduated EMTs (Claudia Andracki, Alex Noble, and Eric Ven) and thanked them publicly for their commitment. Captain Daniel Macbrohn has been promoted to Deputy Fire Chief. Firefighter Angela Sinohui has been promoted to Captain and is currently undergoing additional training for the position of Deputy Administrator.

9 calls, 2 MVA 7 Medical.

C. Administrative Report – none

D. District Mechanics Report- Larry Levy reported that Engine # 2732 likely has a cracked head and is currently inoperable.

1. State of the Motor Pool- SIFPD searching for a new engine. Chief Dennett has found one that may meet the District's needs. Chief Carrington of Big Pine Fire District bringing offer to his Board for review. S71 Ambulance in Pahrump getting a transmission rebuild. District Mechanic Levy working on installing radio in other ambulance and will assess OES Engine to determine feasibility of repair.

E. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax- Tax assessment proposal to be discussed in 2019 for 2020 election.

2. Budget- Chair Zellhoefer and Treasurer Thomas to work together on budget.

A. Budget/Grants update- None

3. Fundraising- Annual October Bazaar is main fundraiser and has successful track record. Discussion of future pancake breakfasts and/or spaghetti dinners at Community Center.

4. Development Committee- No report

VII. Old Business

A. Update on mobile home installation at permanent fire station- Chief Dennett discussed determination of associated final costs relative to placement of mobile home and confirmed that Larry Levy has raised nearly \$6,000.00 to date towards the completion of the substation project. Arranging date with mover. Jerry Poole will expedite permit process. Larry Levy will contact Jerry Poole. Gary Barkley has secured decking for the new station.

B. Report on Water Facility-\$3513 deposited for Water Project from vending machine. Budget item #834003 has repaid temporary loan to #843001. Water testing is \$155/mo. For financial solvency the water station must sell a minimum of 700 gallons per month. A waiver of a \$1500 invoice for well license is being asked of the County by Larry Levy. Director Smith to ask County Supervisor Kingsley for waiver of County water fee. Grant money for kiosk expended toward parts inventory.

VIII. New Business- None agendized.

IX. Evaluate Distribution of Workload- None.

X. Good of the Order- None

XI. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting- Board of Directors Manual workshop for Board Members.

Discussion of signage to drive more traffic to water kiosk/vending machine.
Discussion of creation of SIFPD Newsletter and suggested content.

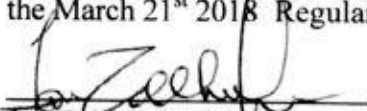
XII. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting, April 18th, 2018, Tecopa Community Center
Motion made by Gary Barkley, Seconded by Aaron Smith. 5,0,0.

Prepared by:

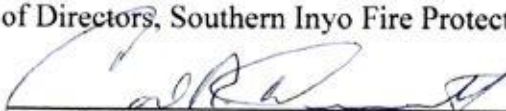


Suzi Dennett, Volunteer

I, Jon Zellhoefer, Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Meeting Minutes of the March 21st 2018 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



Jon Zellhoefer, Chairperson

 For Jim Furlough

Jim Furlough, Secretary