

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a regular (teleconference) business meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

- A. This meeting was noticed as a "zoom" meeting. Meeting was scheduled for 6PM. At 6:06PM board members Gary Barkley, Jon Zellhoefer, and Robert Barbee were logged into "zoom" being hosted by Mike from his residence. Connection was inadequate to allow board members and others (including Danny at the fire station) to hear each other. Acting chairman Robert Barbee asked (via phone) if anyone was logged in from the public (no one was at 6:15PM. At that time the meeting was redirected to a physical location outside seating area near Wild Wheat.
- B. In person meeting was started at 6:30P. Attending were board members Gary Barkley, Jon Zellhoefer, and Robert Barbee. Guests attending were Richard, Robin F., Angie, and Mike. There was no public comment.

II. Confirmation of Agenda/Reading of Minutes:

- A. Minutes were available but not distributed as they were posted only on-line.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Board, Officer and Committee Reports

- A. Board Member Reports
 - a. Treasury report. EMT has very limited response capability with no calls being responded to since January. As such, no revenues which could impact the budget. As understood T. Carter is the only qualified EMT at this time.
 - b. Continuing the budget discussion, we are only able to bill at the basic level. (not clear why this is). All agree SIFPD need to train more EMT volunteers.
 - c. It was reported the County has implemented a \$2/sq.ft. new construction sur-tax. The district would need to show cause "fee study" to access these funds.
 - d. Christy joins the meeting at 7p. Suggests a budget review meeting continuation for 5P on March 23. Approved 4-0.
- B. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. Danny reported all OK with no changes from last month. Leaks in roof of trailer on future fire site are being investigated/repared by Danny and Gary.
- C. Administrative Report
 - a. Mike reports LV.Net now providing internet access at a reduced rate of \$80/month on a three years contract. Also, Air-gas matter is resolved with a credit for four months.
- D. Fleet Mechanic's Report
 - a. Robert reports vehicle tires being inspected and logged. Tires will be rotated onto most worthwhile vehicles.

E. Committee Reports

- a. No one has applied for either the mechanic or fire chief position.

V. **Old Business**

- A. Robin willing to help with fund raising, Christy will help. This is the "fund raising" committee.

VI. **New Business**

A. Appointment of new member (Robin?) to Board

- a. Jon Zellhoefer suggested filling the empty board position of Paul Carter. Richard and Robin were interested. Richard is not a voter in Inyo County. Robin was approved to fill the vacant position by a vote of all board member present 3-0.

B. Voting on Board positions

- a. Then followed a discussion of the open board positions or secretary and chairman. Jon expressed he would prefer not to be chair and could fill the secretary spot. Robin expressed she could cover the chair position. Motion by Gary to elect Robin as chair. Second by Christy. Passed 5-0. Motion to elect Jon as board secretary by Christy, second by Gary. Passed 5-0.

C. Job descriptions and possible restructuring of workload for staff

- a. Continuing to discuss new business. Need to review job descriptions in light of available personnel. Jon to research and put on agenda.

D. Water Kiosk deficiencies

- a. Regarding the water kiosk, a lengthy discussion regarding the conversation between Robin and Supervisor Kingsley. No viable solution presented. Board will continue to explore additional revenue sources. Christy willing to pay to be a certified tester.

E. Recruiting and retaining EMTs

F. Fire truck titles/bills of sale/registrations

G. Paid Zoom account

- a. A discussion of "zoom" issues and the lack of ability to hold meetings remotely. Benefits of having public access even if most (all) board members had to meet in person were discussed. Motion by Jon and second by Chisty to pay for one year of zoom approved 5-0.

H. Discuss who has authorization to speak to the attorney

- a. Motion by Jon to allow all board members to contact county council was discussed. Board chair to be notified before direct contact was added to motion. Second by Gary. Passed 5-0.

VII. **Evaluate Distribution of Workload**

VIII. **Good of the Order**

IX. **Public Comment:** None

X. **Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

XI. Adjournment & Schedule the next Regular Board Meeting: Next meeting was set for April 21 at 6P. Location TBD with guest access on "zoom" Approved 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:12P.

Minutes taken by Jon Zellhoefer and transcribed by:

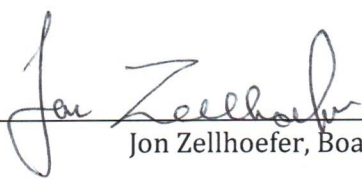


Mike Jerry, District Administrator/Secretary

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Meeting Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



Robin Flinchum, Board Chairperson



Jon Zellhoefer, Board Secretary