

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6pm at the Community Center Tecopa Hot Springs Road.

- I. Call to order and determination of quorum**
- **Robin Flinchum, Chairperson**
 - **Amy Noel, Vice Chairperson**
 - **Joseph Marks, Treasurer**
 - **Rich Regnell, Secretary**
 - **Marie Sanborn**

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

Present: Chairwoman, Robin Flinchum, Vice Chairwoman Amy Noel, Treasurer, Joseph Marks, Secretary, Rich Regnell, Member Marie Sanborn

Staff: Carl Dennett, Larry Levy

Absent: None.

Visitors: Leslie Chapman, Amy Shepard, Brad Goans, Sam Fann

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

Timed agenda item VIII at 7pm with Bill Ross by phone.

- Unapproved minutes from the January, 2013, Regular Business Meeting– *Motion* Rich Regnell moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the January 2013 regular business meeting, Member Mark 2nded vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

III. Public Comment

Any person may address the District Board on any subject pertaining to District business, which is not listed on the agenda. This comment period is provided by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.)

Admin Dennett reported that he would be finishing up with AEMT ride along training from 2/26 - 3/2/13.

IV. Meet with Inyo County Auditor/Controller Leslie Chapman to discuss and consider County's proposal regarding fee reduction

Leslie Chapman and Amy Shepard presented the County's "Proposed New Fee Structure", reducing the fee the District is currently charged for the parcel tax assessment. This will more fairly distribute tax collected to the district. Next steps are an agenda request to the County Board of Supervisors for the rates to be set by resolution. Assuming the County Board

approves, create a contract that sets out the new fee structure in and effort to make a better paper trail. This is all expected to be in place by the next tax year assessment (August 2013). The agreement is already with County counsel. They will be sure to notify us when this is scheduled to go to the board of Supervisors so Chief Levy can also ask restitution for past years.

V. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

*We received an e-mail from Jean Turner offering a free computer (no software). It was agreed to accept it.

*We received a quote for 10 batteries @38.99 each, total of \$404.89, for the handheld radios. Rich Regnell moved to approve the expense. Member Marks 2nded vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

* Forms 700 are available on computer for those who have not completed yet.

VI. 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.

None.

VII. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Chairperson's Report
Nothing to report

2. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Rich Regnell moved to accept the Treasury and Transaction reports. They were discussed, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Chair Flinchum called for a break at 6:52pm Chair Flinchum called the meeting back to order at 7:02pm and we moved to agenda items:

VIII. Closed Session, pursuant to Ralph M Brown Open Meetings Act [Government Code §§ 54954.5 (c); 54956.9(b)(c)]: Conference with District Counsel William Ross; Potential Litigation (1 matter).

The Board returned from closed session at 7:30pm.

IX. Report Upon Return From Closed Session.

The Board spoke with attorney William Ross regarding the most recent draft agreement with Bright Source for the Hidden Hills project.

Chair Flinchum moved further budget discussion until next meeting.

B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy reported there were 7 calls for service in the last month. 5 motor vehicle, 1 structure fire the owner brought under control. He is working with Ronny Coleman on gathering statistics for deployment for Bright Source agreement. There are four pieces of apparatus in his yard with various problems, he has no estimates for repairs yet. Training has been slow due to a variety of issues with scheduling.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Chief Dennett elaborated on his upcoming AEMT ride along with Pahrump Fire. Hopefully Billy will be able to complete this soon also. There was also some further discussion on budget concerns.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Nothing further to report.

2. Budget

Nothing further to report, the Board will review the District budget at the next meeting.

3. Fundraising

Member Noel reported that Flameology from Las Vegas will be performing at the Resort March 9 and are happy to have SIFPD use the event as an opportunity to fundraise by passing the boot.

4. Development Committee

a. Bright Source Update

We are interveners now. Board will have to have a special meeting to approved NFPA 1720 and deployment plan due to be completed Monday.

5. Ad Hoc

Nothing to report.

a. PILT

Nothing to report.

X. Old Business

A. Review and discuss budget items for Auxiliary and Fundraiser

Chair Flinchum need to more homework and defers to next meeting.

B. Update on District Board Member Training through California Special Districts Association

Brad Goans, offered to pay the membership to CSDA for the next year. There was discussion and thanks and agreement that Board Training will be pursued after we have concluded negotiations with Bright Source.

XI. New Business

A. Discuss upcoming lease negotiations with BLM.

Member Marks moved to authorize Admin Dennett to pay the \$25 fee. Member Regnell 2nd, there was discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

B. Discuss and consider approving expenses for additional training for current crew members.

Admin Dennett presented the opportunity for he and Billy Eichenbaum to take the EMT Instructor I course in Anaheim in March with a total cost of \$1,300. Instructor II will be offered in June. After these are completed, the District would almost be ready to do its own training. There was discussion and concern that there is no funding in the budget for the training. Member Regnell offered to donate the funds. Member Marks moved to approve sending to send Dennett and Eichenbaum for the training for Instructor I on March 15, 16 and 17 with the very generous donation of Rich Regnell. Member Sandborn 2nded, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Member Marks moved that the membership fee for the organization holding the class also be paid, which evens out in the reduced class fee. Member Sanborn 2nded. vote taken and passed 5,0,0

C. Discuss and consider options for recruiting and training more EMT personnel.

Admin Dennett reported that he has 4 members of the community willing to take an EMT course once he and EMT Eichenbaum have complete the Instructor Courses and receive ICEMA authorization to teach. They are Cassandra, Rayetta Haskin, Angela Sinohui and Robert Zmuda.

D. Discuss Draft Service Plan and adoption of National Fire Protection Association 1720 standards

Chief Levy presented information about this standard and described how adopting it will be essential to developing a deployment plan we can live with.

XII. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

Things seem to be going pretty well.

XIII. Good of the Order

It was good.

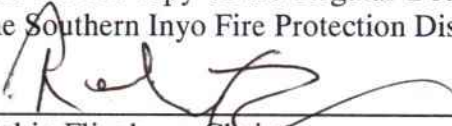
XIV. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.


Board Training, Budget, Auxilary

XV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.

Prepared by Amy Noel

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair and Rich Regnell, Secretary hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Regular Board Minutes of the September 20, 2012 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.


Robin Flinchum, Chairman


Rich Regnell, Secretary