

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 16, 2019

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the St. Therese Mission in Charleston View, California.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum:

Jon Zellhoefer, Chair
Aaron Smith, Vice-Chair (absent)
Ed Thomas, Treasurer
Gary Barkley, Director
VACANT, Secretary

Present: Chairperson Jon Zellhoefer, Treasurer Ed Thomas, Director Gary Barkley, Fire Chief Carl Dennett, District Mechanic Jim Furlough.

Visitors: Claudia Andracki, Sarah Paz Hyde, and two additional members of the public.

Chair Jon Zellhoefer called the meeting to order at 6:01pm, called roll, and established a quorum.

II. Confirmation of Agenda/Reading of Minutes:

Motion by Ed Thomas to confirm Agenda. 2nd Gary Barkley. Vote: 3,0,0. Motion by Ed Thomas to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 Regular Meeting. 2nd by Gary Barkley. Vote: 3,0,0.

III. Public Comment: Claudia Andracki suggested that email could be used to approve minutes. Chief Dennett advised that an extended internet outage at the Station is currently under repair. Gary Barkley proposed that non-resident property owners be added to the pool of Board candidates. Supported by both guests from Charleston View, this will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review- Registrar's notice of required filings.

V. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Board Chair Report- Positive comments received from public over the last two months.

2. Treasury Report- Ed Thomas confirmed budget norms and positive fund balance. Error by Auditor's Office staff caused Workers' Comp payment to be deducted from incorrect budget category. Adjustment is underway to correctly assign payment to correct budget object code.

B. Fire Chief's Report- 4 motor vehicle and one medical response. Request for rechargeable and portable "jaws of life" extrication device for ambulance approved for Maddy grant funding. Discussion of benefit to Charleston View if repairs occur on old Road 16. Board asked Chief Dennett to solicit opinion from Pahrump Valley Chief Scott Lewis on mutual aid in this event. Director Barkley cited UPS lobbying for improved route from Ivanpah to Old Spanish Trail. Chair Zellhoefer asked Chief Dennett to brief the Board on how the 15 hour power outage affected District operations. Chief Dennett stated that the impact of all communications being down was severe. Chair Zellhoefer requested that a letter be drafted to SCE for his approval at the January meeting. Jon will sign and send the letter to Edison on behalf of the entire Board.

C. Administrative Report- 3 of 4 grants applied for are approved. 4th is likely to be approved.

D. Mechanic's Report- Engines outfitted for dedicated roles-1 as structural and 1 as roadside.

1. State of the Motor Pool- No major repairs.

E. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax-Chief Dennett asked that a discussion of adding Measure "M" to the ballot for the 2020 election be agenda item for the next regular business meeting.

2. Budget- No report

3. Grants-Cal Fire and Maddy Grant awards.

4. Fundraising- Discussion of "Tecopa Takeover" regarding event organizer's non-compliance with Inyo County's request for submission of a full Safety Plan to Chief Dennett. Chair Zellhoefer suggested that a Special Meeting be called for November 5th at 6pm if compliance is not forthcoming in the next 7 days. Chief Dennett will check availability of Community Center.

5. Development-No report

6. Policy Review-No report

VI. Old Business:

A. Update on mobile home/permanent fire station-Status quo

B. Report on Water Kiosk

1. ICEHS Lab Results -No issues

2. Silver State Labs Results -No issues

C. Noble Trust-Item postponed

D. Board Vacancy- No change

E. Reschedule Closed Session-Item postponed

VII. New Business: none

VIII. Evaluate distribution of workload: Fair

IX. Good of the Order: Chair Zellhoefer acknowledged Gary Barkley for making arrangements for the Board to meet at the Mission and thanked him for providing burritos for those in attendance.

X. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Noble Trust/ Donation to Fire District, Property Owners and Board vacancy policies, Election 2020.

XI. Adjournment to the next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6PM, Hurlbut Rook Community Center, 405 Tecopa Hot Springs Road, Tecopa, California, 92389.

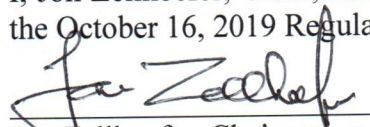
Ed Thomas motion to adjourn. 2nd Gary Barkley. 3,0,0. Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

Prepared by:


~~Suzi Dennett, Volunteer Board Clerk~~

Notes taken and transcribed by
Jon Zellhoefer

I, Jon Zellhoefer, Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Meeting Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.


Jon Zellhoefer, Chairperson

Acting Secretary