

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 16, 2015**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, April 16, 2015 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**
 - **Toni Kizzia, Treasurer**
 - **Gary Barkley, Secretary**
 - **Anita Cox**

Chairperson Flinchum called the meeting to order at **6:07 pm**, called roll and established a quorum.

Present: Chairperson Robin Flinchum , Vice Chairperson Amy Noel, Treasurer, Toni Kizzia, Secretary, Gary Barkley,
Staff: Larry Levy, Carl Dennett
Absent: Anita Cox
Visitors: Sam Fann

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

- Unapproved minutes for the March, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Member Barkley moved to accept the minutes of the March 2015 regular meeting. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed.

V. 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.)

None.

VI. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

Admin Dennett reported correspondence from the auditor's office that we went negative 4/8/15. Chair Flinchum moved to renew the swing loan for \$20,000. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

Chief Levy reported correspondence from the county counsel regarding MOU with Pahrump Valley Fire. Very close to being in agreement and finalized.

VII. 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.

VIII. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Member Barkley moved to accept the treasury and transaction reports. Member Kizzia 2nd.

Discussion took place. Member Kizzia asked to clarify dates for travel expenses for Admin Dennett, he said he would have to check his records. There was discussion about internal spread sheet for expenses and income, some misunderstanding about whether it was meant to contain only recent entries or year to date, agreement that it should contain year to date figures.

Vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief gave his report. At the end Ryan Thomas and Paul Barnes arrived at the meeting to present the SIFPD with \$1,000.00 check from Tecopa Hot Springs Conservancy, and also to discuss a possible festival in town.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

The Admin gave his report.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Starting soon!

2. Budget

a. Grants

Maddy Grant due May 8 up to \$6,300 Admin to run by Chair Flinchum and Member Noel before submitting.

Chair Flinchum called a break at 7:44pm and reconvened at 7:48. Admin

Dennett left the meeting.

b. 2014-2015 Budget Proposal

No action taken.

c. Complete draft petition to raise parcel tax

Member Kizzia moved that we draft a petition for the November 2015 ballot to increase the district parcel tax 35% + \$0.50/ acre; include a COLA increase; add an industrial classification of \$1,000.00 per parcel + \$20 / acre. Member Barkley 2nd, there was further discussion. No vote taken.

Member Kizzia moved to amend the move to 38% Member Noel 2nd there was further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

Vote taken on main motion, passed 4, 0, 0.

Chief Levy will coordinate drafting Measure J, will check with an attorney by next meeting, and start working a breakdown of increase in terms of increase per month and per year. Will need 66% of the votes to pass.

3. Fundraising

a. Offer from Shoshone Desert Art Show Committee
Will ask for radio repair or batteries for newly donated radios.

b. Fall fundraiser
The date was set Nov. 14, 2015

c. Report on Easter at St. Therese, raised \$1,469.

Discussion of activating Etsy fundraising shop, directing funds into Wells Fargo account and payment of shop fees.

d. Surplus vehicles
Chair Flinchum wonders if we have any surplus vehicles to sell. We do not.

4. Development Committee

a. Discuss and consider taking action on Bright Source proposal to continue suspension of Charleston View project

IX. Old Business

- A. Further discussion regarding District involvement in water treatment facility project

Chief Levy gave an update on this project.

X. New Business

- A. Sign approved resolution supporting National Monument status for the previously region

The resolution was present and signed.

- B. Discuss and consider having District hold a spider and snake workshop

Chief Levy was asked by the mission to do some workshop for staff on CPR and general emergency training spider and snake workshop would be good to do out there too and repeat in the Tecopa/Shoshone area.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

OK

XII. Good of the Order

OK

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Policy changes , minutes of special meeting, revisit idea of EMT school

XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting May 21, 2015, at the Tecopa Community Center.


Member Noel moved to adjourn, Member Kizzia 2nd vote taken and passed 4,0,0.
Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Prepared by Amy Noel

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair and Gary Barkley, Secretary hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Regular Board Minutes of the April 16, 2015 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



Robin Flinchum, Chairman



~~Gary Barkley, Secretary~~
Toni Kizzia