

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 28, 2014**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, August 28, 2014 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**
- **Seat Vacant**

Vice Chairperson Noel called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**, called roll and established a quorum.

Present: Chairperson Robin Flinchum, Vice Chairperson Amy Noel, Treasurer, Toni Kizzia, Secretary, Gary Barkley

Staff: Larry Levy

Absent:

Visitors: Brad Goans, Theresa MacBrohn, Sam Fann

II. Swear in new board member Anita Cox

Item postponed, waiting for Member Elect Cox's arrival.

III. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

- Approved minutes from the June, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
- Unapproved minutes for the July, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Member Kizzia moved to accept the approved minutes from the June regular meeting. Member Barkley 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Board packets not here, postponed signing of June minutes and July minutes.

IV. 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.

V. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

Correspondence from legal counsel will come under other agenda items.

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.

Nothing.

VII. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Postponed until board packets arrive.

B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy reported on calls in the last month, equipment status, and fire fighting training coming up with Nye County. Also reported that all three remaining EMT students (including Chief Levy) passed the course and skills test. They still needed rotations, live scan and National Registry EMT certification. MOU with Pahrump may be moot as the Pahrump town board goes away and we already have an MOU with Nye County.

6:10 Admin Dennett arrived with Board Packets.

III. Return to reading of the July minutes. Member Barkley moved to accept the July 2014 minutes with corrections. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

VII. A. 1. Return to Treasury and Transaction Reports. The Auditors office has not provided a fiscal year end report yet. Budget corrections approved months ago have not been made yet. No income is reported on reports. Member Noel moved to reject these reports. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Admin Dennett reported \$601 income in the last pay period but is unsure about total income since the beginning of the fiscal year, he will start keeping an internal spreadsheet for income in addition to the one he keeps for expenses. The Auditors office wants the District to move money spent budgeted for and spent on safety equipment into the Office and Other budget category because that is where they entered it. The expenditure was already correctly coded on the warrant. The items are safety equipment. There was no motion to approve this request. The Board directed Admin Dennett to ask to Auditor's office to make the correction on their end.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Chief Levy gave an update on the property tax review.

2. Budget

a. Grants

All purchases authorized under the CDF and Maddy grants are completed, CDF reimbursement is pending. Still no word on FEMA grant.

b. 2014-2015 Budget

All Board members have not had an opportunity to review the budget presented at the July meeting and fiscal year end report is not yet available from the County. Further discussion and approval postponed until the next regular meeting.

c. Draft petition to raise parcel tax

The first half of legal counsel's letter outlines how we go about doing this. We will work with counsel to draft and get an initiative on the ballot for the next general election.

3. Fundraising

a. Update on fundraising projects

Member Kizzia gave an update on our ambitious fundraising goals and projects for the fall and the next meeting will be Tuesday, 9 September 2 at 6pm, with a focus on the BBQ at St. Therese.

b. Auxiliary Report/Recycling project

Chair Flinchum reported on behalf of the auxiliary that they collected another \$71 from recycling.

4. Development Committee

Nothing to report.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on EMT school

*BILL ROSS
OPINION
NOT COUNTY
COUNSEL*

The second half of legal counsel's letter states that SIFPD cannot, under the rules it was

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formed by, operate a for profit business, even if the proceeds all go to SIFPD. An EMT school would need to be formed by another entity, either for profit or non-profit. Admin Dennett is pursuing other options to form an EMT school separate from SIFPD. There was consensus that at least being able to train our own was a worthwhile investment.

B. Update and discussion on potable water grant/water station at new fire house

Chief Levy gave an update on the water grant and water delivery. While studies and plans for the water treatment plant are underway, a temporary clean water delivery system has been established. Chief Levy and EMT Cadet Schneigel are delivering bottles of water to local residents once a week. Water and cost of delivery is covered by the grant through the State of California under the auspices of Inyo County. ?

IX. New Business

A. Discuss and consider endorsing regional local national monument status

Member Noel shared information about the possibility of our District region being considered for National Monument status. There were questions and concerns from the Board and the public that need to be answered before the Board will consider endorsing the move.

X. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

OK. Minutes to be reviewed by e-mail first to reduce paper and time.

XI. Good of the Order

OK.

XII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Follow up on bookkeeping issues with the county, review budget.

XIII. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting September 18, 2014, at the Tecopa Community Center.

Member Kizzia moved to adjourn Member Barkley 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 4,0,0

Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 8:28 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 August 28, 2014 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.

Robin Flinchum, Chairman

Gary Barkley, Secretary