

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a regular (teleconference) business meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

Present: Robin Flinchum, Chair, Robert Barbee (arrived late), Vice-Chair, Christy Horne, Treasurer, Jon Zellhoefer, Secretary, Linda Lee, Director, Larry Levy, Mike Jerry, Dan Macbrohn, Angie Sinohui, Billy Eichenbaum. Flinchum established quorum and started meeting at 6:02.

II. Discuss re-resolution to follow Zoom meeting rules pursuant to AB 361

- A. Re-adopt re-resolution. Horne moves to readopt resolution. Lee seconds. Carries 4-0-0 – Barbee absent.

III. Confirmation of Agenda/Reading of Minutes:

- A. Approve minutes from June regular meeting and June 21, July 6 and July 27 special meetings. Horne moves to approve minutes as received. Zellhoefer seconds. Carries 4-0-0 – Barbee absent.
- B. Official report from closed session meeting and minutes from closed session
- a. Discussed hiring fire chief. Lucas Reynolds was the best qualified candidate. Will be starting in mid-Sept.

IV. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

V. Correspondence

VI. Board, Officer and Committee Reports

- A. Board Member Reports
- a. Board Chair Report
- a.i. Flinchum leaving tomorrow for week long sabbatical.
- b. Treasury/Budget Report
- b.i. In the black by ~\$70k for last year. Horne moves to accept the financial reports as submitted for June & July. Barbee seconds. Carries 4-0-0 with Flinchum abstaining.
- B. Fire Chief's Report
- a. Five calls. Four MVAs one fire. Spoke to Jim Copeland and Paul and things are getting smoothed out with the school inspections. Vehicles doing OK. Fast attack needs tires and has engine quitting problems. Horne moves to approve up to \$1900 for repairs and tires. Barbee seconds. Carries 4-0-0 with Flinchum abstaining.
- C. Administrative Report
- a. Election packets not picked up by board members. Jerry will call Danielle to find out what we do now that the deadline has passed.
- b. Only Larry and Erik have done their physicals. Jerry will send Linda Lee info on firefighter physical.
- D. Fleet Mechanic's Report
- a. State of Motor Pool
- E. Committee Reports
- a. Water Kiosk
- a.i. Doing great financially. Waiting on word of possible annual grant from County. Should know next month.
- a.ii. Next month is annual testing for the wells.

- a.iii. Patrick Donnelly done with T2 class. Now waiting on examination.
- a.iv. State Water Board grant/project on hold waiting on word of County annual grant.
- b. Fundraising
 - b.i. Flinchum will call a meeting after her sabbatical. We have put in for a \$6k fundraising event grant but not sure of the timing.

VII. Old Business

- A. New Fire Chief update
 - a. Fairly certain housing is settled for Lucas and family. Should be here in mid-Sept.
- B. Fire water tower/firehouse update
 - a. About half full of water. Macbrohn will finish painting it.
 - b. Cynthia helping work on the new firehouse with planning and grants, etc. Wants to start firehouse friends ad hoc committee in which Flinchum and Lee would be members.
 - c. Work party in 2 or 3 weeks in the evening to work on firehouse.
 - d. Propane tank needs engineered pad. Macbrohn will see what it'll cost to do the pad.
- C. Long range planning
- D. Report from Chief on fire inspections
 - a. Will wait until Lucas gets here to do inspections, but is smoothing things with Jim Copeland.
- E. Property transfer of Charleston View lot from Steve M. to the District
 - a. Flinchum got a cryptic note from Steve saying things are moving along.
- F. Recruiting and training EMTs and firefighters
 - a. Billy and Ian are set for UNITEK.

VIII. New Business

- A. Grand jury findings and requirements regarding the school inspections
- B. Discussion regarding contacting state representatives to seek funding
 - a. Cynthia's friend suggested contacting state and federal reps about giving us money.
- C. Install an RV hookup at new fire station
 - a. Remove from agenda
- D. Report on 501 Furnace Creek Rd. property purchase project
 - a. Do we need to complete the development from original lease plans before we can purchase (look at lease)?
 - b. Jerry will call to see who our new BLM rep is now that Birgit is gone.
- E. 22-23 Budget. Final budget due 8/26.
 - a. After much discussion, Zellhoefer moves to accept budget. Horne seconds. Carries 4-0-0 with Flinchum abstaining.

IX. Evaluate Distribution of Workload

X. Good of the Order

XI. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

XII. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Do we need a website or request a waiver for it?

XIII. Adjournment & Schedule the next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6PM (via Zoom). Horne moves to adjourn. Barbee seconds. Carries 4-0-0 with Flinchum abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Prepared 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 August 17, 2022 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.

Robin Flinchum, Board Chairperson

Jon Zellhoefer, Board Secretary