

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, August 15, 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 6:05 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

**Present:** Chairperson, Robin Flinchum, Vice Chairperson Amy Noel, Secretary Rich Regnell,  
Member Marie Sanborn  
**Staff:** Carl Dennett, Larry Levy  
**Absent:** Treasurer Joseph Marks  
**Visitors:** Sam Fann, Robert Zmuda, Jim Ramm

**II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes**

- Unapproved minutes from the June, 2013, Regular Business Meeting—*Motion*  
Secretary Regnell moved to approve the unapproved minutes from the June 2013  
Regular Business Meeting Member Sanborn 2nded. There was no further  
discussion vote taken and motion passed 4,0,0.
- Approved minutes from the June, 2013, Special Meeting—*Motion*  
Not included in Board packet and therefore deferred to next meeting.

**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.)**

None.

**IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review**

**V. 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.

**VI. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:**

**A. Board Member Reports**

1. Chairperson's Report  
Nothing to report not on the agenda.
2. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*
  1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*  
Secretary Regnell moved to accept the transaction report. Member Sanborn 2nded. There was discussion, vote taken and passed 3,0,1 abstain.

**B. Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Levy reported 16 calls in the last 2 months; 7 medical, 7 motor vehicle, 2 fire. His time off was great. Most of his time since returning has been spent on the 2013/2014 tax assessment, which has been completed and turned in. We can expect to be down by about \$500 in tax assessments not allowing for the proposed fee adjustment from the County.

Air conditioning in ambulances is an issue that he is also working on and will have solved as soon as possible.

**C. Chief Administrator's Report**

Unitek approved Lara Murray and Angela Sinohui to attend the next EMT class in San Jose beginning September 28. All paper work expected to be completed by next week.

The first in-house class will be a 48 hour First Responder course, not an EMT class.

**D. Committee Reports**

1. Property Tax  
Assessments completed as reported by Fire Chief.
2. Budget
  - a. Grants  
CDF had more money available to grant so Chief Levy rewrote our grant submission to include 10 SCBA bottles with a 15 year life, which will make our matching portion about \$10K.
  - b. Closing Out Budget 2012/2013  
Issues regarding closing out the 2012/2013 budget were presented. Member Noel moved to authorize the Auditor's office to pay outstanding 2012/2013 fuel bills from the 2012/2013 budget and any

others as reported by the auditor's office as of 6/30/2013 printed out 7/10/13. Member Regnell 2nded. There was more discussion, vote taken and motion passed 4,0,0.

c. Budget for 2013/2014

Member Regnell moved to carry over with the original 2012/2013 budget as the basis for our 2013/2014 budget until the next meeting, and to direct Staff to provide a detailed plan and info for next meeting. Member Sanborn 2nded. There was discussion and hope the Auditor's office can also provide more guidance. There was discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

3. Fundraising

Chair Flinchum reported that Flameology confirmed and is excited to support our annual fundraiser with a performance October 26. There will be a fundraising meeting at 6pm Monday 8/19/13 at the Community Center followed by an Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm.

4. Development Committee

It was noted that Bright Source's application is still suspended and not withdrawn. And that Yucca Mountain may again be an issue we should be prepared to deal with.

5. Ad Hoc

a. PILT

Chief Levy is working on figuring out what percentage of land in our district is public land so that we can ask for a share of the PILT that currently goes directly to the County.

Chair Flinchum called a 10 minute break at 8pm.

Chair Flinchum called the meeting back to order at 8:10pm.

**IX. Old Business**

**A. Update and Discussion on District Resolution and County Proposal to Reduce District Fees**

Chief Levy reported that the Auditor's Office has scheduled a workshop on this issue for the Supervisor's meeting Tuesday, September 17. Amy Shepard is working with Chief Levy sharing information that will be presented to make sure our points and issues are all addressed. Our District resolution requesting a fee reduction and refund of fees for a previous year that should have been waived will also be presented at that meeting.

**B. Review resolution to amend District fee schedule for AEMT calls, etc.**

Inyo County ICEMA fee schedules are under review by Chief Levy. Staff was directed to prepare a resolution for the Board to adopt at the next meeting.

C. Discuss and consider sending Admin Dennett to EMT Expo

There are no funds to support this spending request.

**X. New Business**

A. Discuss upcoming District Board vacancies

Chair Flinchum reported that Members Regnell and Sanborn will not be filling their seats when their current term expires. As it's too late to get new candidates on the next ballot, we need to start recruiting two new Board members to fill their seats by appointment in January.

B. Discuss and consider options regarding District legal counsel

There was a discussion regarding current District legal counsel. No action taken.

C. BLM Lease Update

Chief Levy presented his work on renewing our lease with BLM for land in the heights for a new fire house, including a \$100 filing fee and approved application by motion of the District's Board.

Member Noel moved to authorize Chief Larry Levy to proceed with the application filing as presented. Member Regnell 2nded. There was no further discussion, vote taken and motion passed 4,0,0.

**XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load**

Staff requested minutes as soon as possible in order to carry on.

**XII. Good of the Order**

It was suggested in order to focus and keep discussions on topic and make meetings more efficient that the Board only discuss issues once a motion has been made and seconded. Otherwise, it was good enough.

**XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.**

No other agenda items other than those mentioned above.

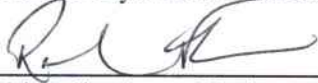
**XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.**

Member Sanborn moved to adjourn until the next regular meeting and was 2nded by Member Regnell, no further discussion, vote take and motion passed 4,0,0.

Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

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 August 15, 2013 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



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Robin Flinchum, Chairman

Rich Regnell, Secretary