

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012 6PM**

*Accepted w/ corrections to comma - RF
11-15-12*

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, October 18, 2012 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 6:00 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

Present: Chairwoman, Robin Flinchum, Vice Chairwoman Amy Noel, Treasurer, Joseph Marks, Secretary, Rich Regnell, Member Marie Sanborn,

Staff: Larry Levy, Carl Dennett

Absent: none

Visitors: Sam Fann, William Ross, Jim Ramm

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

Chief Dennett asked that agenda item X.A be moved to next meeting. Item X.B. was also moved to next meeting.

- Unapproved minutes from the September, 2012 Regular Business Meeting—*Motion*
Chair Flinchum moved to accept the Sept Meeting Minutes, Member Regnell 2nded, no discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0
- Approved minutes from the August Special Meeting—*Motion*
Member Regnell moved to approve the August Special Meeting minutes
Member Sanborn 2nded, no discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0

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.)

There was no public comment.

IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review
None.

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*

It was noted that the Bright Source expenses and income are still in the wrong column Chief Levy is following up with county auditors office to correct. Member Marks moved to approve the Treasury report Member Regnell 2nded, no further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Member Marks moved to approve the transaction report Member Noel 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy reported on volunteer training days. focusing on communications and extrication in preparation for fundraising demo. Working on Bright Source review. Breathing apparatus has been inspected and is coming to the end of 15 year life ends next year. Discussion on cost of service verses refitted to be investigated by the Chief. 5 calls for service in the last month, 2 medical, 1 structure, 2 support of old dynamite found. 3 not medical 20 hrs spent, mostly waiting. Chair Flinchum asked about workers comp for R. Zmuda, yes will cover and Rob did have his SBCA on, ot a smoke inhalation issue. Outside of the OES Engine every other vehicle is in service, some are in need of minor service.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Chief Dennett gave a brief report on financial spending and income regarding service air bottles, radios and income from call run, we are in balance.

Member Regnell moved that we move on to item VII closed session with Bill Ross. Chair Flinchum 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Closed session began at 6:29

The board discussed with counsel mitigation negotiation with Bright Source regarding the Hidden Hills Solar Energy Project. Chair Flinchum without objection ordered William Ross to continue processing an agreement with Bright Source in it's current form at least with a annual payment or tax of \$400,000 per year.

Closed session ended at 7:15

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

There was a discussion with Bill Ross about how to approach the county supervisors in requesting a reduction in property tax assessment fees.

Chair Flinchum called a break at 7:22

Chair Flinchum called the meeting back to order at 7:31

2. Budget

a. Formally adopt the 2012-2013 Budget as Posted

Member Regnell moved to adopt the 2012 - 2013 budget as posted

Member Sanborn 2nded, there was no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

b. Create line item for Fundraising Committee Income and Expenses

There was a discussion on how to hold monies for the auxiliaries, it was determined that ??? will follow up by calling on other auxiliaries to find out how they handle this issue. Our auxiliary would prefer to handle funds themselves

c. Create line item for Auxiliary

Related to above, recycling is auxiliary funds.

3. Fundraising

a. Firefighter's Bazaar

There was discussion about activities at the fundraiser. Concern about event insurance for bouncy house, member Regnell will investigate cost for event insurance.

4. Development Committee

nothing to report

5. Ad Hoc

a. PILT

nothing to report

VII. Closed Session, pursuant to Ralph M Brown Open Meetings Act [Government Code §§ 54954.5 (c); 54956.9(b)(c)]: Conference with District Counsel William Ross; Potential Litigation (1 matter).

Already discussed.

VIII. Report Upon Return From Closed Session.

IX. Old Business

A. Bright Source Update and Discussion

Covered in previous agenda item.

B. Formal hearing on proposed Resolution to request reduction in fees from Inyo County Board of Supervisors Discuss and consider specific request to Inyo County Supervisors to waive/ reduce/ refund Tax Collectors fee for collection of Measure J funds

Already discussed under item VI. D. 1 Member Regnell moved to to approve resolution and work on preparing documents for presentation to BoS and submit upon seating of new board Member Marks 2nded. There was further disucssion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

C. Review and approve proposed Vacation Policy for District employees
Deferred to next meeting.

X. New Business

A. Approve mileage reimbursement for Rob Zmuda and Angie Sinohui for Firefighter 1 Academy
Deferred to next meeting.

B. Review Admin Chief, Fire Chief and District Mechanic Job Descriptions and Yearly Plan of Action

Chief Levy reported that 171 of 260 mechanics hours have been spent, now 3 months into the new fiscal year. Discussion to be continued.

C. Discuss and consider providing extended call out pay
Determine what is an extended call. Board agreed that it would be a good thing if there we were not operating in a deficit.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load
OK.


XII. Good of the Order
It was good and a bit long, but good.

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.
Review job descriptions; travel reimbursement, vacation policy, budget.

XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.
Member Regnell moved to adjourn, Member Noel 2nded vote taken an passed 5,0,0.

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 September 20, 2012 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.


Robin Flinchum, Chairman


Rich Regnell, Secretary