

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, June 19, 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**

Chairwoman Flinchum 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, Carl Dennett

Absent:

Visitors: Sam Fann, Jim Ramm, Jon Zelhoeffer, Brad Goans,

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

- Unapproved minutes from the May, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Chair Flinchum moved item X. A. to follow VI.D. 4.

Member Kizzia moved to accept the minutes from the May 2014 meeting with corrections, Member Noel 2nd there was no further discussion vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

There were no notes for the June 16, 2014 Special 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

Admin Dennett shared a letter from TLV billing service that our Fire rates haven't changed in 5 years. We will review and adopt current rates at the next meeting.

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.

Nothing.

VI. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Reports were reviewed and discussed. The Board would like to review the fuel costs and would like copies of the monthly use, for budget planning. Also, there is a need for confirmation from the Auditor's office about how they calculate those costs.

Member Kizzia moved to accept the reports Member Barkley 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief gave his report. There were 5 calls. Instructor II completed and passed. Update on the water project: progress has slowed due to bureaucratic delays.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Admin Dennett reported income in the last month from billing.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

The assessor's list came in and needs to be compared to the auditor's list, and the survey can begin.

2. Budget
a. Grants

The CDF grant is in and purchases are being made. No word yet on the

FEMA grant. Chief Levy gave a presentation about SCBA's and asked for guidance on which to purchase.

Member Kizzia moved to approve the purchase of the discounted brand. Member Barkley 2nd. No further discussion, vote taken and passed.

b. 2014-2015 Budget

Member Kizzia moved to allow the budget to rollover as is until we can work out a realistic budget for 2014 / 2015, Member Barley 2nd. There was lots of discussion. Vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

3. Fundraising

a. Update on fundraising projects

There was discussion and final planning for the fundraiser 6/21/14 at the Hubb. St. Therese's is still very interested in letting us fundraise there. BBQ may have to wait until the fall.

b. Auxiliary Report/Recycling project

There was not auxiliary report.

Member Noel asked since the auxiliary has decided to not recycle plastic, if volunteers could be gathered to take the piles of plastic at the Resort to our local recycle bin. Chief Levy said he would coordinate.

c. Fundraising Committee Chair position

Chair Flinchum will call one more fundraising committee meeting and will be resigning as Fundraising Committee Chair.

4. Development Committee

X. New Business

A. Discuss and consider proposal from Jon Zelhoefter regarding zoning issue

Jon Zelloeffter described how the zoning office and the assessor's office are not in accord and that his property was rezoned as open space, but he has been paying taxes at the commercial rate including the District Parcel tax. He would like the District to support his claims with the county by us returning District tax over paid in the last year which he will return as a gift with 10% more. There were maps to review. The Board agreed that this would need to be taken under advisement.

Chair Flinchum called at 10 minute break at 7:45 pm
Chair Flinchum called the meeting back to order at 7:55 pm.

IX. Old Business

- A. Meet and Interview any potential candidates to fill District Board vacancy

There were no candidates.

- B. Discuss and consider resolution adopting new ambulance rates set by Inyo County

Deferred to next meeting.

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

Already covered under Fire Chief's report and grants.

- D. Follow up on outstanding Southern Cal Edison bill for new Firehouse property

Admin Dennett was not in the room, but we could see from his register report \$200 has been submitted for payment. We do not know SCE was billed for a fire call yet from last year.

X. New Business

- A. Discuss and consider proposal from Jon Zelhoeffer regarding zoning issue

Already discussed.

- B. Discuss and consider ideas for potential new revenue streams

1. Consider increased parcel tax
2. Consider further efforts to receive a share of TOT tax
3. Consider some form of association with the County baths
4. Consider District fee on new building projects

Various options were discussed. Chair Flinchum will follow with CSDA or Bill Ross on what our restrictions are on running a business, although it was generally agreed, we have enough on our hands right now.

Chief Levy will follow up on the voting rules to increase our parcel tax--would that be a vote of the parcel owners or the registered voters? Increasing the parcel tax seems to be our best option at the moment. New building project fee is not an option by rules of Special Districts.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

OK

XII. Good of the Order

OK

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Budget workshop


XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting July 17, 2014, at the Tecopa Community Center.

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

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 Jun, 2014 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.


Robin Flinchum, Chairman


Gary Barkley, Secretary