

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, April 18, 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 6:03 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

**Present:** Chair, Robin Flinchum, Vice Chair Amy Noel, Secretary Rich Regnell, Member Marie Sanborn

**Staff:** Carl Dennett, Larry Levy

**Absent:** Treasurer Joseph Marks

**Visitors:** Brad Goans, Sam Fann, William Eichenbaum

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

- Unapproved minutes from the March, 2013, Regular Business Meeting– *Motion*

The board reviewed the minutes Member Regnell moved to accept with corrections, Member Sandborn 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken, motion passed 4,0,0.

**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.)**

6:06 Treasurer Joe Marks entered the meeting

Brad Goans brought up that there are parcels in Charleston View coming up soon for auction, due to unpaid taxes, that the Board might like to consider. Minimum bids start at \$100, a \$535 deposit is required to bid, lots have no well or power. Billy has a map of the parcels up for auction.

Member Marks asked that the wind torn sign on the water tender be taken down and the water tender moved home.

Billy Eichenbaum commented that no one seems to have time to work on grant writing, and heard there may be a county grant writer and asked if the board would follow up on that.

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

Admin Dennett presented a letter from Death Valley Academy selling ad/thanks space in the 2013 year book and suggested a full page ad at \$100. Chair Flinchum said she would contribute. Member Marks moved to fund a full page ad at \$100 for the DVA school year book, Member Regnell 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Admin Dennett reminded us that in order to be able to borrow from our future tax revenue, we'll need to approve a resolution. A sample to borrow \$20,000 was presented and suggested it be on the agenda for the next regular 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.**

None.

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

### A. Board Member Reports

1. Chairperson's Report  
Nothing to report.

2. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

The treasury and transaction reports were reviewed and there was some discussion. Member Regnell moved to move \$4,869 from account 5001 to 5012 to cover FASIS (workers comp) bill coming up, Member Marks 2nded. There was further discussion, vote taken and motion passed 5,0,0.

Member Regnell moves to accept the transaction report, Member Marks 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

### B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy gave an update on radios needing repair, there are 4 needing repair, 2 handheld, 1 mobile and 1 handheld under warranty total estimate for repair \$355. Member Regnell moved to approve the expense to repair the radios. Member Sanborn 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

It was a slow month for calls, 2 medical, 1 motor vehicle, 1 propane leak at Shoshone motel. The entire crew spent 12 hours at the Landing Zone in the Baker to Vegas relay, there was a low volume of calls there too, due to cooler weather than last year. The Dennetts brought their RV and there was a lot of good food for crew and invited guests. It was a good exercise and good practice with the tender.

Volunteer Sinohui passed Hazmat Operation

Working on a CAL Fire grant for Personal Protective Equipment and 1" hose, to be completed

this weekend. Chief Levy also made visits to St. Theresa's for inspections of sprinkler and fire alarm systems. We should consider adopting a schedule for inspection fees.

**C. Chief Administrator's Report**

Admin Dennett reported that Maddy Grants coming up in 1 1/2 months and he will work with Chief Levy on that.

**D. Committee Reports**

**1. Property Tax**

Nothing to report.

**2. Budget**

Nothing to report.

**3. Fundraising**

Chief Levy reported that Marlys Skarry and her group are making feedbag bags for us to sell as a novelty. We'll work on bringing Flameology out for the fall fundraiser. Chair Flinchum still has to follow up on how legal issues of auxiliary relationship to the District.

**4. Development Committee**

**a. Bright Source Update**

Chief Levy presented one more invoice from Ronnie Coleman and said he was going to order some more copies of the Declaration of Deployment documents. Member Marks noted that the command vehicle was not listed as part of the fleet and that should be corrected before more ordered. Chief Levy gave a summary of the Hidden Hills project application and Bright Source's request to suspend the application. He believes they are working on a redesign including molten salt for energy storage and they may reopen their application at some point in the future.

**5. Ad Hoc**

**a. PILT**

Nothing to report.

**IX. Old Business**

**A. Update on District Board Member Training through California Special Districts**

Brad Goans reported that there maybe an opportunity to do training online. Nothing other to report.

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

Chief Levy reported that this will be on the Supervisor's agenda on May 14 and presented the information he intends to present.

**C. Update on lease negotiations with BLM**

Chief Levy gave an update on lease negotiations with BLM property in the Heights and how the IRWMP water project might be helpful. He will be meeting with Willie Rowston tomorrow (County Inspector) regarding using trailer as office. There was

some discussion on things to consider, including security/video and test pit for testing fire engines.

**X. New Business**

**A. Discuss and consider renewal of former Dunn and Bradstreet federal ID number.**

Admin Dennett is having trouble renewing our Dunn and Bradstreet ID online. It's required if we apply for federal grants. Chief Levy will help look at this next week.

**B. Discuss and consider going forward with plans for District EMT School**

Admin Dennett described his plans for a District EMT School. And presented a request to approve funding to send him to EMT Instructor II class in June at a cost of \$710. Needs to be registered in the next two weeks. There was discussion and a revisit of the budget. Member Marks moved, to move \$750 from line 5265 to line \_\_\_\_\_ to cover Instructor II training, Member Sanborn 2nded. There was more discussion, vote taken and passed 4 aye, 1 nay, 0 abstain.

Member Sanborn asked for a summary in writing of when we've borrowed against our income revenue, when it's due and what Admin Dennett thinks we'll need to do going forward.

**XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load**

There's a lot to do, but it seem to be getting done. Chair Flinchum asked Staff if there was anything the board could help with. Not at this time.

**XII. Good of the Order**

OK except that there was no break and no food. We'll work on that.

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

Water project, Borrowing and pay back schedule, Dunn & Bradstreet update.

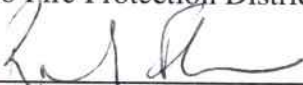
**XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.**

Member Marks moved to adjourn to the next meeting, Member Sanborn 2nded, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5, 0,0.

Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm

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