

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 20, 2015**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, August 20, 2015 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**
 - **Vacant**

Present: Chairperson Robin Flinchum , Vice Chairperson Amy Noel, Treasurer, Toni Kizzia, Secretary, Gary Barkley,

Staff: Larry Levy, Carl Dennett

Absent:

Visitors: Sam Fann, Patrick Donnelly

Chairperson Flinchum called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

II. Appointment of new board member to fill vacant seat

Member Noel moved to appoint Patrick Donnelly to the SIFPD Board. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Yay Patrick.

III. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

- Unapproved minutes for the July, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
- Unapproved Minutes for the August 4, 2015, Special Meeting
- Unapproved Minutes for the August 5, 2015, Special Meeting

Member Donnelly moved to approve the July 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Member Donnelly moved to approve the August 4 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Member Donnelly moved to approve the August 5 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

IV. 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.)

Admin Dennett reported that an anonymous donor bought the ambulance from Independence Fire Department for SIFPD and that it's possible to restructure the Maddy grant if the engine needs to be replaced.

V. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

None.

VI. 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.

VII. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

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The Treasury and transaction reports were reviewed. There were many questions and corrections not made. Member Donnelly moved to sent the reports back to the auditor. Member Kizzia 2nd. No further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy gave his report. Among other things we now have a Memorandum Of Understanding with the National Park Service. Member Kizzia moved to approve the MOU Member Barkley 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Admin Dennett reported on income and expenses.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Chief Levy reported this year's assessment is done, but still don't have assessor list to reconcile.

2. Budget
a. Grants

Nothing to report. other than Shoshone Desert Art Show group is sending a check for \$836 to update 7 radios and accessories.

b. 2015-2016 Budget Proposal

A budget committee was formed and included Member Donnelly, Chair Flinchum and Chief Levy.

3. Fundraising

a. Fall fundraiser

There was a bit of discussion about the fall fundraiser.

b. Future Events

We will reschedule with St. Therese soon

c. Etsy Store

Problems with creating Etsy store for District, will explore selling things through the Facebook page.

4. Development Committee

a. Update on Bright Source funds

To date Chief Levy has been unable to connect with Stephen Scow (sp?) but is composing request with the intent to go out in the next week.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on water treatment facility project.

Member Donnelly reported that he's working with Mark on the Water Treatment Board to continue water delivery service while the water treatment station is being built, asking for a \$90K grant. The last delivery was pro bono and will be the last if the grant is not approved. Also, the State is to have a bi-weekly phone conversation with Inyo County to ensure the project moves and meets it's deadlines.

Chief Levy is appealing the BLMs decision not to approve the water project on the property.

B. Planning discussion regarding public awareness campaign for proposed parcel tax increase

Plan to present at community potluck Sept. 9. Decided what form to request voters list. Also member Barkley coordinating a informational meeting with Matt Kingsley in Charleston View at St. Therese on this and other issues. Plan to push when the ballots are mailed out and received in town.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on vehicle donation from the National Park Service

Chief Levy met with NPS at Scotty's Castle about an engine they no longer need. It holds 600 - 700 gallons of water. It has not been tested this year but is 5 years newer than anything we have. Will take 2 - 3 months to go through legality of donation.

B. Timed Item to take place at 6:15 PM: Fire Extinguishers info presentation and possible grant discussion

Deferred to next meeting.

C. Form budget committee for 2015/2016 budget proposal

Done under agenda item VII. D. 2. b.

X. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

OK

XI. Good of the Order

OK.

XII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

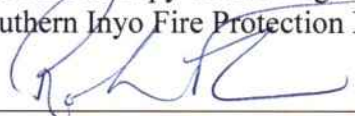
Reschedule fire extinguisher presentation.

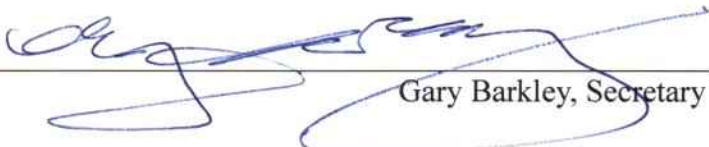
XIII. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting September 17, 2015, at the Tecopa Community Center.

Member Kizzia moved to adjourn, member Noel 2nd no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0. Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm

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 August 20, 2015 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.


Robin Flinchum, Chairman


Gary Barkley, Secretary