

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6pm at the Community Center Tecopa Hot Springs Road.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

- **Robin Flinchum, Acting Chairperson**
Attending by phone from Cambria, CA
- **Amy Noel, Acting Vice Chairperson**
- **Joseph Marks, Acting Treasurer**
- **Vacant**
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Acting Vice Chair Noel called the meeting to order at **6:06 pm**, called roll and established a quorum.

Present: Acting Chairperson, Robin Flinchum by phone from Cambria, Acting Vice Chairperson Amy Noel, Acting Treasurer, Joe Marks

Staff: Larry Levy, Carl Dennett

Absent:

Visitors: Toni Kizzia, Anita Cox, Sam Fann by phone, Gary Barkley, Brad Goans

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

- Unapproved minutes from the November, 2013, Regular Business Meeting—
Motion
Minutes were updated and all have not had a chance to review or have all notes with them, approval postponed until next regular 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. Election of new Board member(s).

Acting Chair Flinchum summarized we have two vacant board seats and three candidates, Toni Kizzia, Anita Cox and Gary Barkley and their qualifications.

Chair Flinchum moved to appoint Toni Kizzia to fill the seat left vacant by Marie Sanborn, Member Marks 2nd no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3,0,0.

Member Kizzia moved to appoint Gary Barkley to fill the seat left vacant by Rich Regnell, Member Marks 2nd no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

Oaths of Office taken by both new members.

V. Election of Board Officers.

Member Noel moved to re-elect Robin Flinchum Chair. Member Marks 2nd no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,1 with Member Flinchum abstaining.

Chair Flinchum moved to elect Member Noel Vice Chair. Member Marks 2nd no further discussion. Vote taken and passed 5,0,0

Vice Chair Noel moved to elect Member Kizzia for Treasurer Member Marks 2nd no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Member Marks moved to elect Gary Barkley Secretary. Chair Flinchum 2nd. Member Noel volunteered to continue preparing meeting minutes. Vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

VI. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

None.

VII. 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.

VIII. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

The Treasury and Transaction reports were presented and discussed. Chair Flinchum moved to accept the reports with follow up on questions about insurance premiums and 5004 line item. Member Kizzia 2nd, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

There were 8 calls for service since November, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 4 Medical, 1 Fire

Hazmat training will be taking place 2 days in February, 4 or 5 day in March. This is a pre req to Fire Fighter I. Lara Murray and Ryan Thomas are taking this and trying to get

ambulance crew.

In March the Fire Fighter I training will begin for Lara, Ryan and Danny Macbrohn. Interactive and online training for 8 or 9 days on site in Pahrump, instead of the 14 weekends for the last training. We will have to invest in books.

Health care providing CPR training next month.

Vehicles are in about the same state as last reported.

BLM lease renewal: working on timeline and how we're going to pay for it in the summary.

Report on Fire Chiefs meeting

Chief Levy will be taking 3 days vacation, leaving tomorrow, and some unpaid time.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Dr. and Claudia Andracki raised about \$1,300 at their annual Christmas party for the District. Took in about \$1,500 in billing. \$300 earned for providing water to movie crew at Dumont 500 gallons. Working on St. Teresa BBQ fundraiser.

Conflict of interest statements are due soon.

Licensure with ICEMA for the District to teach is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

2. Budget

a. Grants

Chief Levy gave an update on the FEMA grant he prepared and submitted. If this is awarded we can shift some the higher matching fund costs to from the CalFire Grant to the FEMA grant. We should hear in Feb. if we pass the first round.

b. Worker's Comp quarterly costs

\$1,258 spent already this year. Follow up needed on whether this if for the whole year.

3. Fundraising

a. St. Teresa Fundraiser covered under Admin Chief report. Chair Flinchum

will work on updating jars and posting some of Maryls' bags for sale on line.

4. Development Committee

Chief Levy reported that Bright Source made it clear today to the CEC that the applicant continues to review the project and has not withdrawn.

IX. Old Business

A. Discuss and consider CSDA teleconference training if available

Nothing to report Brad Goans will follow up.

B. Discuss and possible action: Ballot measure to increase Transient Occupancy Tax to benefit Inyo fire departments.

This issue brought forward in November. Chief Levy recapped the Ballot measure Inyo County Fire Chiefs were considerin, which proposes raising the TOT by 1% to be split equally by the 6 fire districts or departments in Inyo County. Member Kizzia moved that SIFPD support the measure Member Marks 2nd. There was discussion. Vote taken and passed 4, 0, 1 with Member Noel abstaining.

X. New Business

A. Discuss reimbursement for travel expenses for required AEMT workshop

The Board will not go over budget on travel, it's up to staff to determine how to spend it. No action taken.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

OK.

XII. Good of the Order

OK

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

CSDA report, Workers Comp and General Liability is our budget accurate, Boulder City and Drones Special use permit.

XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting February 20 at the Tecopa Community Center.

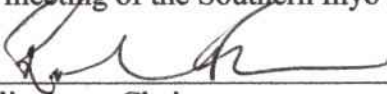
Member Kizzia moved to adjourn. Member Barkley 2nd, no further discussion vote taken and passed 5,0,0.

Vice Chair Noel adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting Thursday, February 20,


2014.

Prepared by Amy Noel

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair and Amy Noel, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Regular Board Minutes of the January 16, 2014 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



Robin Flinchum, Chairman



Gary Barkley, Secretary