

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, March 21, 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 6:05 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

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

Staff: Carl Dennett, Larry Levy

Absent: Rich Regnell

Visitors: Brad Goans, Sam Fann

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

Larry Levy noted that Bill Ross will not be joining us unless needed, he's available by phone.

- Unapproved minutes from the February, 2013, Regular Business Meeting—*Motion*
- Unapproved minutes from the March 6, 2013, Special Meeting—*Motion*
- Unapproved minutes from the March 15, 2013, Special Meeting—*Motion*

Member Sanborn moved to approve the February 2013 Regular Business meeting minuets, Member Marks 2nded, no disucssion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Member Marks moved to approve the minutes of the March 6 Special Meeting, Member Sanborn 2nded, vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Member Marks move to approve the minuets of the March 15 Special Meeting, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

III. Public Comment

Brad Goans made comment about Vets next weekend in Las Vegas. Chief Levy noted that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors is to meet here on Monday, April 8 and reminded us about the Bright Source evidentiary hearings that will take place in Shoshone.

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.)

IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review

There is a transparency certificate of excellence that Chair Flinchum will pursue without objection.

Chief Levy noted a CalFire Grant for PPE, hasn't read it all yet, but will follow up and apply, application due April 22, 2013.

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

None.

2. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

The treasury and transaction reports were reviewed. Member Noel moved to accept both reports. Member Marks 2nded, no further discussion. Vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

There were six calls last month, three medical and 3 motor vehicle. The demo at Death Valley Academy was a vehicle vs. pedestrian scenario. It involved the Sheriff's Office and Mercy Air and was a great success. A good portion of the last month's time was spent on preparing for the Bright Source hearings. EMT's Dennett and Eichenbaum passed their Instructor 1 class, the next one is scheduled for June 14 & 15. No changes to report in the status of the fleet.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Admin Dennett gave a briefing on income and wages. Working on check lists for a training center, including CPR instructors. He is also working on funding for June 14 & 15 Instructor II for himself and EMT Eichenbaum. Total cost is not determined yet.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Nothing to report.

2. Budget

Chair Flinchum commented that she didn't think the committee has served our process well anymore and that we should work on this as a group.

3. Fundraising

Chair Flinchum had a conversation with Leslie Chapman regarding this and reports that, if the auxiliary is a separate entity, it will have to have **it's on** financial records and minutes. Brad Goans suggested using the 1 legal free with the CSDA to pose questions about structuring the auxiliary as a separate entity. Comments were made by several why should we have a separate organization since it's the same people who do all the stuff. Auxiliary would like to have discretionary spending for Aux boxes. The pancake breakfast the auxiliary had planed for April 7 has been cancelled due to not enough people available to help on that day. The auxiliary suggested Oct 26 & 27 for a fall fundraiser. **The Board agreed that a one day event would be preferable.**

4. Development Committee
 - a. Bright Source Update
Chief Levy gave an update on the Bright Source project.
5. Ad Hoc
 - a. PILT
Nothing to report.

Chair Flinchum called for a ten minute break at 7:13 after which the Board will go into closed session with Bill Ross by phone.

Chair Flinchum called the meeting back to order at 7:21

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).

The Board returned from closed session at approximately 7:50.

XIII. Report Upon Return From Closed Session.

There is no reportable action from the closed session.

IX. Old Business

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

Brad Goans generously donated money for renewing the District's CSDA membership and will continue working towards arranging a board training.

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

The Board had a discussion on this issue and agreed to move forward as previously agreed.

C. Update on lease negotiations with BLM

Chief Levy reported that we are in arrears in our development plan in our original agreement. He is working on a new plan which will be necessary for renewing our lease agreement.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

Things are going OK. Carl will be taking vacation beginning the 26th and return to work the following Tues.

XII. Good of the Order
Pretty darn good.

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

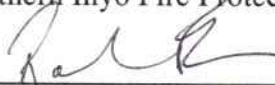
BLM negotiations, Bright Source update, CSDA update on legal advice.

XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.

Member Sanborn moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Marks 2nded, vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

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