

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 20, 2025

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a regular business meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6pm at the Hurlbut Rook Community Center.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

Present: Spencer McNeal, Secretary, Colette Zelwer, Treasurer, Eliza Woodall, Director, Bill Lutze, Mike Jerry, Billy Eichenbaum, Scott Williams, Nicole Brydson.

II. Confirmation of Agenda/Reading of Minutes:

- A. Approve minutes from the January regular and February special meetings. Zelwer moves to accept both as presented. Woodall seconds. Carries 3-0-0. We will create a volunteer flyer at the next meeting specifying Billy's free classes and who we are looking for as new members.

III. Good of the Order

IV. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

V. Correspondence

VI. Board, Officer and Committee Reports

- A. Board Member Reports
 - a. Board Chair Report
 - b. Treasury/Budget Report
 - b.i. Woodall approves the report as given. Zelwer seconds. Carries 3-0-0.
- B. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. Phil Worsman wants \$13,500 storage and towing fee to get our two trucks back. Lutze will talk with County counsel about this issue and bring it back to the board.
- C. Administrative Report
- D. Fleet Mechanic's Report
 - a. State of Motor Pool
 - a.i. \$2700 emergency expense to replace four rear tires on the Tender (2752). McNeal moves to approve this expense after the fact. Woodall seconds. Carries 3-0-0. Have an agenda item added next month to review the \$1500 cap for chief's authorization.
 - a.ii. Two ambulances need AC work. Board already approved funds in previous meetings. Lutze will look at getting a Pahump vendor to do the work.
- E. Committee Reports
 - a. Water Kiosk
 - b. Fundraising

VII. Old Business

- A. Fire inspections
 - a. Lutze has served everyone with their notice letters. Inspections will probably happen in April or May.
- B. Report on new fire house progress
 - a. BLM Lease/Patent process update
 - a.i. Jerry will get update from BLM
- C. Recruiting and training EMTs and firefighters
 - a. Update on training class
 - a.i. Shifting class from First Responder to EMT, at least a couple of folks interested.

- D. Update on radio communications
 - a. Satellite phones/radios purchase
 - a.i. Lutze got our reprogrammed radios back from the County. We'll be sharing the sheriff's frequency temporarily until our radio gets put up at Ibex in the next couple of months.

VIII. New Business

- A. Review board officer position descriptions
 - a. Tabled until full board in attendance
- B. Board officer elections
 - a. Tabled until full board in attendance
- C. Review of board policy sections 2080 and 2081
- D. Approve Streamline \$1440 invoice (annual fee for our website)
 - a. Woodall moves to approve payment. McNeal seconds. Carries 3-0-0.
- E. Revisit the idea of hybrid meetings using audio only
 - a. Jerry will get with Mayer about researching audio gear and what his interest level is.
- F. Discuss a plan for keeping our District Supervisor Will Wadelton regularly updated on our future planning meetings/process.
 - a. Have Flinchum reach out to him and see how to best update him.
- G. Approve funds for the propane hookup at the Dairy Queen and Water Kiosk as discussed at the last water kiosk meeting.
 - a. Send back to committee to clarify what is being quoted
- H. Look at a ballot measure for 2026 to update Measure J
 - a. Tabled until next month
- I. Report on the long-term planning meeting
 - a. Zelwer: Have the requirements for volunteers by the next LTP meeting
 - b. Set a date for next special planning meeting
 - b.i. March 6, 2025
 - b.ii. Flinchum has stated she will do an agenda

IX. Evaluate Distribution of Workload

X. Good of the Order

XI. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

XII. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

XIII. Adjournment & Schedule next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday March 20th at 6PM in Tecopa. McNeal moves. Woodall seconds. Carries 3-0-0. McNeal adjourns meeting at 8:20pm.

Prepared by:

Mike Jerry, District Administrator/Secretary

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Meeting Minutes of the February 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.

Robin Flinchum, Board Chairperson

Spencer McNeal, Board Secretary