

SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, May 21, 2026

The Governing Board of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District held a regular business meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6pm at the Hurlbut Rook Community Center.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

Present: Robin Flinchum, Chair*, Cameron Mayer, Vice-Chair, Eliza Woodallall, Secretary, Colette Zelwer, Treasurer*, Spencer McNeal, Director, Bill Lutze, Mike Jerry, John Muccio. Mayer calls meeting to order at 6:05 and establishes a quorum.

II. Good of the Order

III. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

IV. Consent Agenda (Items that are considered routine and are approved in a single motion)

- A. Approve minutes from the April regular meeting.
- B. Woodall approves consent agenda. McNeal seconds. Carries 5-0-0.

V. Correspondence

VI. Board, Officer and Committee Reports

- A. Board Member Reports
 - a. Board Chair Report
 - b. Treasury/Budget Report
- B. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. We had 6 calls for service since last meeting. 4 were EMS and 2 were Fire. One fire call included a fatality. 2 to 6 volunteers responded. Huge shout out to the responders under difficult conditions.
 - b. Larry set up our oxygen filling station (cascade system) at our heights location to fill our ambulance oxygen tanks.
 - c. Larry also removed all of our old SCBA from the conex behind the office, cleaned it out and placed the new equipment in the conex. A big thank you to Larry for all of that work! Next step will be to determine how to properly dispose of the old SCBA. Larry will be calling Dalmatian who refurbishes this equipment to see if they can use it.
 - d. The generator was completed and connected to the water kiosk on Wednesday April 29th.
 - e. Phones in the area went down on Wednesday May 13th and after many calls by Larry and the S/O no advancement was made. I contacted the commercial headquarters in Houston, Tx who referred me to the business outage office. I spoke to a lady and made a ticket as we are considered essential. On May 14th I received a call from the District Supervisor and after some conversation they were able to fix it remotely. On the 15th they sent a crew to check the system and ensure it was working.
- C. Administrative Report
 - a. Folding water tank has arrived.
 - b. Looking into FB paid promotion; Colette and Cam offered to help given their past experience with it.
- D. Fleet Mechanic's Report
- E. Committee Reports
 - a. Water Kiosk
 - a.i. Generator up and working!
 - a.ii. Moving forward with designing a shade structure.
 - b. Fundraising

- b.i. Moved date to 11/13-14, at Community Center and grounds.
 - b.ii. Working on budget, will have at next month's meeting.
- F. Long-Term Planning
 - a. Fire Stations
 - a.i. Clock not quite started yet, new public works chief Grady Dutton wants to review
 - a.ii. Need to determine plans about Dairy Queen; needs roof and electrical work done, not sure of repair costs yet.
 - b. Recruitment
 - b.i. Woodall to complete flyer!
 - b.ii. Consider providing rented trailer at resort, or at least trailer space; Lutze suggests a per diem instead
 - b.iii. Will need to run background checks and training for "traveling" or seasonal volunteers which makes that option difficult; unless we can modify policy to accept credentials from other organizations?

VII. Old Business

- A. Update on radio communications
 - a. The antenna was moved on the IbeX tower and although it did work better, the paging is still an issue that exists for some members. Nome and Nate are putting together a system where it will also page from the Sheriff's substation in Shoshone as well as IbeX pass.
- B. Update on projects to install electric cut over switch and propane tank for the Furnace Creek property generator.
 - a. Finis!

VIII. New Business

- A. Review and approve proposed FY 26-27 budget.
 - a. Budget approved as presented. Flinchum moved. Woodall seconded. Carries 5-0-0.
- B. Discussion and approval of the use of Accumulated Capital Outlay to act as savings accounts for future district purchases.
 - a. Buy 4 tanks every 4 years, transfer \$10k per year into ACO.
 - b. Don't need to pass a board resolution to move \$ from Undesignated Funds
 - c. "Discretionary ACO" allows us to use the money for anything (in case of emergency)
 - d. Need board resolution to create the ACO
 - e. ACO is its own budget unit (like water kiosk)
 - f. Jerry and Zelwer will write up resolution for creation of ACO (Zelwer will email Kortni for examples)
- C. Review and make any needed changes to board policy sections 2215, 2217, 2220, 2225, 2230 and 2240.
- D. Discuss and consider making a special presentation for Charleston View during June meeting. (Zelwer)
 - a. Take opportunity to address special CV concerns - townhall? Special presentation?
 - b. Don't have any official news to announce yet, but could give an update?
 - b.i. Solar \$
 - b.ii. Pahrump radio tower,
 - c. When we do have major updates, should put flyers to announce townhall in all local PO boxes (USPS offers this service)
- E. Discuss and consider erecting a bulletin board @ transfer station in Charleston View. (Zelwer)
- F. Discuss and consider making some of our written materials available in Spanish. (Zelwer)
 - a. Flyers and agenda, perhaps recruitment material?
 - b. Zelwer has translator that can do this.
 - c. Just need to make sure recruitment materials specify that they must speak English.
- G. Discuss and consider selling Michigan Instruments chest compressor.
 - a. Purchased original Michigan Instruments unit on the Maddy Grant for \$6500. If we are not able to sell it, at least find some way to properly donate it.
 - b. Flinchum moves to sell it. Woodall seconds. Carries 5-0-0.
- H. Update on special assessments.

a. Jerry completed office portion. Sinohui is part way done survey. Due July 15th.

IX. Good of the Order

X. Public Comment: 3 minutes per participant

XI. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. Discuss and approve cost of stuffing local PO boxes with announcement flyers.

B. Charleston View Update.

XII. Adjournment & Schedule next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday June 18th at 6PM in Charleston View. Flinchum moves to adjourn. Zelwer seconds. Carries 5-0-0. Mayer adjourns meeting at 7:54pm.

* Flinchum and Zelwer attended remotely from the following location: 4432 Sparkle Crest Ave. North Las Vegas, NV 89031

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 May 21, 2026 Regular Business Meeting, Board of Directors, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.

Robin Flinchum, Board Chairperson

Eliza Woodall, Board Secretary