

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 17, 2023**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:31PM on October 17, 2023.

Commissioners present were Greg Bird, Brian Howard, Kerry Koontz, Pete Schlieker, and Jeri Stout. Chief Damon Carrington and Jonathan Hogan, from the Inyo County Health and Human Services Department, was also present. Cindy Duriscoe from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe attended at 6:35PM.

Approval of the minutes of September 19, 2023.

First: Jeri Stout      Second: Pete Schlieker      All in favor.

Bills submitted for payment:

***Ambulance Budget:***

Amazon	1681.64
American Business Machines	71.26
Hi Country Mkt	165.78
Frontier – Internet	320.00
Linde Gas & Equipment	100.66
Stryker Sales Corp MADDY GRANT	4165.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,505.20</b>

***Fire Budget:***

A T & T	67.52
Amazon	86.13
American Business Machines	71.26
BPCSD	0
BP Shell	380.98
Blizzard Fire Protection	1001.00
DWP – 058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	0
DWP – 181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1826000159	21.64
DWP – 281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	46.33
DWP – 381 600 0000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	71.87
Frontier Communications	256.60
Hi Country Mkt	203.63
High Country Lumber	0
LN Curtis	860.92
Mr. K's Automotive	1041.24
Mojave Desert Htg & Cooling	570.00
SCE	15.62
Steve's Auto	0
Streamline	120.00
US Bank	341.25
US Bank	2550.95
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	255.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,962.58</b>

Total Expenditures: \$14,467.78

Income from Fire billing: \$0

Income from Amb billing: \$8,406.94

*Fund Balances: ACO \$327,199.25 Operating \$144,788.53 Amb \$111,019.93 Wildland \$333,421.45 TOTAL \$916,429.16*

Motion to pay the bills submitted.

First: Jeri Stout Second: Kerry Koontz All in favor.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- The Board agreed to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Big Pine Paiute Tribe for community sirens. The final copy shall be completed and signed by the Tribe. Cindy will contact Greg when it is ready for our signature. This system needs to be in full operation within one year of the signing date or the Fire Protection District will consider this agreement null and void. A motion was made to accept the MOA.  
First: Brian Howard Second: Kerry Koontz Nays: 1 Yeas: 3
- USDA Grant is submitted; we are awaiting a response.
- Information was presented to the board for the purchase of a forceable entry door for training. Other training items were discussed. A motion was made that we purchase this door from Firehouse Innovations with a cost not to exceed \$12,500. The delivery is eight to ten weeks from the purchase date.  
First: Brian Howard Second: Jeri Stout All in favor

#### **REPORTS**

Update from the Chief

- Sierra 35 is between EVG and Ford for repairs. Damon has asked that everything be repaired before it is returned to us as there is now a turbo problem and an oil leak.
- EMS 1, EMS 2 and 911 are now working.
- The ambulance company "REACH" did receive a subsidy from Inyo County. Each Fire Department with an ambulance service should be receiving their \$25,000 soon. This will be for future use on the ambulance. Bishop Fire was not initially included but since has been notified that they will also receive these funds. A new ambulance service contract will be needed soon. The new contract will be a 13-month contract and will be subsidized by Inyo County. A discussion followed regarding ambulance service for the community of Big Pine. There are a lot of different directions that can be taken, and some things may need to be worked out, it may take years before we have an answer.
- The Hurst Tool and SCBA compressor have been certified. Big Pine Fire is the only department that has our equipment inspected and certified. This certification is for pumps, the Hurst Tool, SCBA's, ladders, etc....
- We have received two of our Pre-PO payments. One is still due.
- OES has increased their rates – firemen and equipment.
- Open House was held from 5pm to 7pm with flu shots included. There was a good turnout.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- None

Update from Commissioner Pete Schlieker:

- The October EMCC meeting will be held in Big Pine. Pete has contacted Two Brothers to serve the meal. Damon instructed Pete to meet with Joanie for payment of meals.
- Mike Patterson has resigned from the Chairman position and has been replaced by Pete.

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- Mr. Jonathan Hogan from the Inyo County Department of Health and Services attended to apprise Damon that he has information on our community members that may need extra assistance in case of an emergency and/or evacuation. This would be the people on oxygen, bed ridden folks, or handicapped people that will need help. He left his number with Damon for questions regarding any assistance that he could give.

Run Report:

	<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	
	Fire Calls	3
	Medical	8
	Fire & Medical	9
	Service Calls	0
	Training	5
	Misc.	1
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	0
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>266 YEARLY TOTAL</b>

There being no further business a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

First: Kerry Koontz      Seconded: Pete Schlieker      All in favor.

Adjournment – Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Submitted – Joan Dixon, Secretary