

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2024**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:32PM on June 18, 2024.

Commissioners present: Greg Bird, Brian Howard, Kerry Koontz, Lorelee Mairs and Pete Schlieker.
Commissioners absent: None
Chief Damon Carrington was present.

Approval of the minutes of May 21, 2024.

First: Brian Howard Second: Lorelee Mairs All in favor.

Bills submitted for payment:

Ambulance Budget:

American Business Machines	34.79
Chuck Villar Construction Inc – Amb Repair	3054.00
Frontier – Internet	320.00
Hi Country Mkt	182.28
Hungry Pig In Big Pine – BP Shell April/May	0
Linde Gas & Equipment	134.48
Northern Inyo Hosp – Driver Physical P Schlieker	189.00
TOTAL	\$3,914.55

Fire Budget:

A T & T	67.54
Amazon	403.48
American Business Machines	34.79
BPCSD	0
DWP – 058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	3.60
DWP – 181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1826000159	0
DWP – 281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	45.42
DWP – 381 600 0000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	54.30
Dave’s Auto Parts	258.38
Frontier Communications	275.91
Hi Country Mkt	420.15
High Country Lumber	0
Hungry Pig In Big Pine – BP Shell April/May	809.70
Inyo County Bridge Loan	14850.25
LN Curtis	99.48
Optimum	45.00
SCE	-55.77
Steve’s Auto Parts	0
Streamline	120.00
The Grasshopper – James Gray	300.00
VISA – Oak Valley Community Bank	342.54
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	225.39
TOTAL	\$18,300.16

Wildland Budget:

Inyo County Bridge Loan	14850.26
TOTAL	\$14,850.26

Total Expenditures: \$37,064.97

Income from Fire billing: \$0

Income from Amb billing: \$3782.42

Fund Balances: ACO \$320,931 Operating \$384,345 Amb \$132,173 Wildland \$325,135 TOTAL \$1,162,584

Motion to pay the bills submitted.

First: Kerry Koontz Second: Brian Howard Abstain: Pete Schlieker
Four in favor of paying bills with one abstaining.

Update on Community Siren

- Email From Cindy Duriscoe:
"Hello all,
I will not be in town when your next Board meeting is. I don't have an update per se, more of an ask. The Tribal Council election did not turn out the way we hoped as far as implementing some good, productive changes (action on current projects). I want to hold off on installing the tribal siren horn and radio control box. I don't see why we can't go ahead with the MOA and new "bad air day" siren alert being sounded if we do experience one or more of those times this summer/fire season? We can hear the siren throughout most of the Reservation. We could also go ahead with the PR campaign for the new alert sound.
Cindy Duriscoe
Air Program Coordinator"

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- Handheld radios:
Damon has received two bids for a total of 13 new radios. We will be receiving six radios through the CalFire grant, if we receive the award, in September. The bid accepted was from Cross Connection with the total being \$28,236.55. A motion was made that we accept this bid and place an order in the 24/25 fiscal year not to exceed \$30,000. This shall be funded through our ACO budget.
First: Brian Howard Second: Lorelee Mairs All in favor
- Fund Transfer:
Damon presented a review of our budget to actuals of our four budgets as he would like to make a fund transfer from the operating fund to the ACO and Wildland funds. A motion was made for \$234,345 to be taken from the Operating fund and place \$134,345 in the ACO fund and the remaining \$100,000 in the Wildland fund. A motion was made that these fund transfers take place for the 24/25 fiscal year.
First: Brian Howard Second: Lorelee Mairs All in favor
- Wildland Budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be revised as follows:
830501 – Wildland Revenue: \$100,000 Expenditures: \$414,485
Budget breakdowns will be attached for accounting purposes for the auditor's office.
First: Brian Howard Second: Lorelee Mairs All in favor

REPORTS

Update from the Chief

- The parking lot will be oiled during the month of July, waiting for a final date.
- A new tack channel has been put in place for the Forest Service units. Scott Stoner will be updating the radios in the engines soon. This will bring our communications up to date.
- Two fires in town that involved structures. All seems to be related to the electrical systems in the homes.
- Our mechanic is keeping busy with our equipment. #7 needed a pump repair, #6 needs a foam tank repair as it is leaking, #3 needs a new tach and starter, and the ambulance has been serviced.
- The weather has already been warm for this time of year. It has been noted that it is warm in the high country also. Fire season may be upon us quickly this year.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- A response was sent to the Big Pine Paiute Tribal Administrator regarding their concerns and our personnel. To date there has been no response.
- Greg is working on the bid package for the showers. It should be ready for review at the next regular meeting.
- Greg asked for a response to be sent to Cindy Duriscoe stating that the siren project be placed on hold until there is positive movement forward. Joanie will complete a response.
- Greg asked for budget clarification on the purchase of the new engine. The 25/26 fiscal budget shall include payments for this new engine and these funds shall be placed in the ACO funds to be saved for the purchase/payments. The unused funds in these objects for the 24/25 shall be placed in the ACO funds, at year end, for payments on this engine.

Run Report:

	MONTHLY TOTALS	
	Fire Calls	4
	Medical	11
	Fire & Medical	3
	Service Calls	0
	Training	4
	Misc.	0
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	1
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	YEARLY TOTAL	168 YEARLY TOTAL

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- None

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

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

Adjournment – Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Submitted – Joan Dixon, Secretary