

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 21, 2023**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:35PM on February 21, 2023.

Commissioners present were Greg Bird, Kerry Koontz, Pete Schlieker, and Jeri Stout. Chief Damon Carrington and Brian Howard were also present.

Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2023.

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

A motion was made that Brian Howard be appointed to the position of Commissioner. This will fill the open position left by the resignation of Jessica Scida. The Oath of Office followed.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

Ambulance Budget:

Amazon	19.15
American Business Machines	30.18
BP Shell	0
Hi Country Mkt	123.89
Frontier – Internet	320.00
Linde Gas & Equipment	100.66
LN Curtis – Maddy Grant	1298.34
TOTAL	\$1,892.22

Fire Budget:

A T & T	66.81
Amazon	343.72
Amazon	125.36
Amazon	39.26
Amazon	1116.20
American Business Machines	30.19
BPCSD	256.94
BP Shell	0
Burton's Fire Apparatus	85.36
Cascade Fire Equipment	1165.84
Crane's Waste Oil	160.00
Dewey Pest	96.00
DWP – 058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3) 585908433	0
DWP – 181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1) 1826000159	215.99
DWP – 281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	45.11
DWP – 381 600 0000 (Bldg. #2) 3816000343	213.50
Eastern Sierra Propane	433.29
Eastern Sierra Propane	208.73
Eastern Sierra Propane	289.27
EDD	1878.00
Frontier Communications	249.72
Hi Country Mkt	445.73

High Country Lumber	0
LN Curtis	748.75
LN Curtis	634.54
LN Curtis – CalFire Grant	17110.70
Paggenkopp Company	1651.00
SCE	3.86
Steve’s Auto	143.59
Streamline	100.00
Union Bank	1073.41
Union Bank	83.31
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	0
TOTAL	\$29,014.18

Wildland Budget:

Anchor Fire Payroll	2541.38
TOTAL	\$2,541.38

Total Expenditures: \$33,447.78

Income from Amb billing: 4,503.61 Income from Fire billing: \$0

Fund Balances: ACO \$205,306 Operating \$235,447\$ Amb \$82,183\$ Wildland \$271,257

Motion to pay the bills submitted.

First: Jeri Stout Second: Brian Howard All in favor.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- Presentation from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe
Cindy Duriscoe updated the Board on the progress of the community siren for air quality and other emergency situations. She and Sam Blum will need to schedule a meeting to complete the list of the supplies needed to complete the project. She will contact Sam to set this date. Funding for the project will possibly come through the Clean Air Act. Some funding will be done by the Big Pine Paiute Tribe for payroll. This payroll will be for the person that is operating the tribal radio system. Placement of the siren could be near the Wellness Center. The MOU shall be completed by the Big Pine Paiute Tribe. When the system is ready to go live a public announcement will be completed to inform the community so as not alarm anyone.
- Bathroom Project:
At this time the Board is waiting for possibly three bid packages to be returned. A special meeting will be called if necessary to award the bid.

REPORTS

Update from the Chief

- We are still having a difficult time getting enough firemen/EMT’s to respond to calls. It has been determined that a fireman can/will drive when there are not enough EMT’s to give patient care and drive. A variance letter has been submitted to the State of California and ICEMA allowing fireman to drive the ambulance when necessary.
- In the near future, Bishop may become a city that does not have an ambulance service. With this transpiring, it has become a major concern for the community of Bishop and the County of Inyo. Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine, Olancho, Cartago, Shoshone/Tacopa has had this concern for many years. It is felt that this has not been a concern before but with the problem now in the City of Bishop it is a concern for all. Many options are being reviewed and a study is being done by the County of Inyo.
- The roof has been repaired so the leaking should be stopped. The sandbag hut has been completed and ready for use.
- The CalFire grant is near completion and will be submitted for funding.
- Funds from the McKinney Fire have been received. The Anchor Fire is still outstanding.

- Wildland training shall go through March/April.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- The Board began reviewing the SOP's and SOG's for revisions. A drug and alcohol policy will be put in place. Updates were made and noted as the first review was discussed. More review and updates will be made at the March meeting. The review panel will make final decisions.

Run Report:

	MONTHLY TOTALS	
	Fire Calls	2
	Medical	8
	Fire & Medical	8
	Service Calls	0
	Training	5
	Misc.	0
	Good	0
	False	1
	Hazard	0
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	YEARLY TOTAL	74 YEARLY TOTAL

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

First: Kerry Koontz Seconded: Brian Howard All in favor.

Adjournment – Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Submitted: Joan Dixon