

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 2026**

Loralee Mairs called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 5:32PM on May 19, 2026.

Commissioners present: Loralee Mairs, Brian Hcward, Callie Peek, Kerry Koontz and Pete Schlieker
Absent: None

Chief Damon Carrington, Joanie Dixon, Ryan Carrington, Kyle Hayes, Kevin Grevenkamp, Paul Huette and Dave Schlieker from the Big Pine Fire Department anc Matt Otten from the Big Pine Civic Club were also present.

Approval of the minutes of April 21, 2026

First: Kerry Koontz Second: Brian Howard All in favor, with correction in Reports section, of challenge coins corrected quantity from 100 to 1000.

Bills submitted for payment:

CONSENT AGENDA: May 19, 2026	
Ambulance Budget:	
American Business Machines	\$ 23.60
High Country Market	\$ 183.58
Hungry Pig in Big Pine - BP 76	\$ -
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	\$ 186.49
TLV Services	\$ -
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$ -
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$ -
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$ -
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$ 290.00
WEX Bank - Chevron Credit Card	\$ -
Total:	\$ 683.67
Fire Budget:	
Amazon	\$ 114.45
Amazon	\$ 53.86
American Business Machines	\$ 23.59
AT&T Mobility	\$ 112.00
Big Pine CSD Water	\$ -
Bishop Waste Disposal	\$ 37.44
Cross Connections	\$ 59.82
Dave's Auto Parts	\$ 246.96
Dewey Pest Control	\$ 129.00
DWP-058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	\$ -
DWP-181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1326000159	\$ 19.35
DWP-281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	\$ 46.43
DWP-381 6000000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	\$ 80.08

Eastern Sierra Propane	\$	146.81
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2444	\$	238.74
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2600	\$	177.12
High Country Lumber	\$	58.66
High Country Market	\$	224.51
Inyo County Waste Management	\$	5.00
LN Curtis	\$	66.71
Mojave Desert Htg and Cooling (Cooler Service)	\$	785.00
Optimum	\$	76.00
Quill LLC	\$	215.21
SCE	\$	-
Streamline - DocAccess	\$	50.00
Streamline	\$	209.30
The Grasshopper - James Gray	\$	160.00
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	2,679.53
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-
Total:	\$	6,015.57
Wildland Budget:		
Amazon	\$	496.81
Avenza Systems, Inc (Maps renewal)	\$	1,499.75
Cross Connections (Radios)	\$	3,583.34
Payroll - Coverage	\$	1,854.00
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	350.00
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	1,295.50
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-
Total:	\$	9,079.40
ACO Budget:		
Danny's Electric (LED retrofit)	\$	6,000.00
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	1,011.20
Total:	\$	7,011.20
Total Expenditures:	\$	22,789.84
Income from Fire Billing:	\$	1,686.95
4/10/26 - CalFire grant #2	\$	1,686.95

Income from Amb Billing:	\$	30,987.19
3/18/2026- ambulance services	\$	1,213.87
4/20/26 - maddy grant	\$	21,692.50
4/22/26 - ambulance services	\$	8,080.82
Income from Wildland:	\$	-
<i>Fund Balances as of May 15, 2026</i>		
ACO	\$	292,461.00
Operating	\$	193,873.00
Ambulance	\$	173,680.00
Wildland	\$	1,172,980.00
TOTAL	\$	1,832,994.00

Motion to pay the bills submitted:

First: Brian Howard Second: Pete Schlieker All in favor

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- SCBA Upgrade
A quote was received from MES for \$45,823.57 to retro fit our current system to be upgraded to the 2026 standards. New system would allow for "Buddy Breathing". Work would be completed at the Fire Department.

A motion was made to approve the purchase not to exceed \$50,000.00

First: Brian Howard Seconded: Pete Schlieker All in favor.

- Budget Amendments

A motion was made to:

Amend 830001 (FIRE) 25/26 working budget: Accept loan proceeds from the Inyo County Treasury, increase revenue for Loan Proceeds (4590) in the amount of \$150,000.00, increase expenditures for Principle of Notes Payable (5565) in the amount of \$70,000.00, Interest of Notes (5553) in the amount of \$5,500.00, Operating Transfer (5801) out the amount of \$188,500.00.

Amend 830101 (ACO) 25/26 working budget: Increase the Revenue for Operating Transfer in (4998) in the amount of \$488,500.00. Increase expenditures for Equipment (5650) in the amount of \$581,481.50.

Amend 830501 (WILDLAND) 25/26 working budget: Increase the Operating Transfer (5801) out of the amount of \$300,000.00.

Authorize an operating transfer of \$188,500.00 from Budget Operating 830001, operating transfer of \$300,000.00 from Budget Operating 830501 to Budget ACO 830101 to support the purchase of Fire Engine (5650) for \$581,481.50.

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

REPORTS

Update from the Chief

- Budget for FY 26/27 will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
- Danny's Electric suggested installing two motion sensors in the bays for the lights so they will not be left on. Estimated cost of \$600.00. Also, will discuss re-doing the emergency lighting.
- Interviews for Deputy Fire Chief positions are scheduled for June 6, 2026, starting at 9:00 AM. The third panelist will be Gabe Gamino.

- The wind event on May 17th was recorded to have gusts up to 61mph at the Station. We had three calls for service related to the winds. We were called to stage at the Bishop Fire Department as they had 40 plus calls of service. Because of the extended power outages Anna Scott was contacted to find out what residents in Big Pine needed generators for their oxygen tanks. Jen Roeser was also contacted to designate the Big Pine Fire Department as an emergency shelter.
- Big Pine Fire assisted Bishop on a structure fire involving two structures on May 19th.
- Scott Stoner is working on an additional high speed internet service for the department with Frontier.
- The cell tower that was installed near the animal shelter will be for T-Mobil and Verizon.
- An extrication training will be held on May 30th and 31st. So far 40 members have signed up to attend.
- HME Engine update provided with pictures shown. New Engines will be wrapped in yellow to keep with the traditional colors Big Pine Fire engines have been.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None.

Update from Commissioner Chairperson Lorelee Mairs

- Joanie Dixon gave her notice and will be retiring June 30, 2026, after 39 years with the Fire Department.

PUBLIC

- Matt Otten with the Big Pine Civic club shared that with the funds remaining from the White Bark project they will put green waste bins at the Big Pine Saddle Club. They will also see if any bins are needed for all the downed trees from the wind event. He also shared that an Air Curtain trailer was purchased by Inyo and Mono County that Big Pine can use.
- Paul Huetten with the Inyo Associates shared that if you have a trailer, you can receive free waste passes by going to the County Building in Bishop. Also shared he is now the chairman of the Inyo County Water Commission. He thanked the Big Pine Fire Department for shaping who he is today. Lastly, he shared the Memorial Day services that will begin at the Big Pine Cemetery at 8:30 AM to place flags then to Woodmen Cemetery. Services at the triangle starting at 11:00 AM.

Run Report

	MONTHLY TOTALS	
	Fire Calls	3
	Medical	9
	Fire & Medical	3
	Service Calls	0
	Training	4
	Misc.	0
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	1
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	YEARLY TOTAL	88

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

First: Brian Howard Seconded: Pete Schlieker All in favor.

Adjournment – Lorelee Mairs adjourned the meeting at 6:41PM

Submitted – Nicole West, Secretary