

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 19, 2023**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:31PM on September 19, 2023.

Commissioners present were Greg Bird, Brian Howard, Kerry Koontz, Pete Schlieker, and Jeri Stout. Chief Damon Carrington was also present. Cindy Duriscoe from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe attended at 6:42PM.

Approval of the minutes of August 15, 2023, and August 16, 2023.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

***Ambulance Budget:***

American Business Machines	34.79
BP Shell	0
Hi Country Mkt	72.37
Frontier – Internet	320.00
P Huette – CAR RENTAL	76.25
Linde Gas & Equipment	100.66
Mr. K’s Automotive	586.09
Steve’s Auto	2137.29
TLV Services	2532.03
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	109.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,968.93</b>

***Fire Budget:***

A T & T	67.52
Amazon	670.20
American Business Machines	34.79
BPCSD	133.44
BP Shell	0
Burton’s Fire Apparatus	1503.00
Burton’s Fire Apparatus	456.75
Casade Fire Equipment – CALFIRE Grant	1155.03
Dewey Pest	0
DWP – 058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	0
DWP – 181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1826000159	56.94
DWP – 281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	45.94
DWP – 381 600 0000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	86.45
Frontier Communications	248.04
Hi Country Mkt	119.43
High Country Lumber	0
LN Curtis	232.31
LN Curtis	64.41
Municipal Emergency Services	1226.94
SCE	15.15
Steve’s Auto	0
Streamline	120.00
Union Bank	285.99

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WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	284.00
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	265.02
TOTAL	\$7,071.35

**Wildland Budget:**

Repeater/Ambulance	2905.64
Hiliary Pre-Po	35395.04
TOTAL	\$38,300.68

Total Expenditures: \$51,340.96

Income from Fire billing: \$0

Income from Amb billing: \$16,447.99

*Fund Balances: ACO \$207,199.25 Operating \$268,781.60 Amb \$102,856.09 Wildland \$176,351.67 TOTAL \$755,188.61*

Motion to pay the bills submitted.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- The Board voiced concerns over the final draft of the MOU with the Big Pine Paiute Tribe for community sirens. They questioned “related services” in paragraph two on page #1. A concern about maintenance of the system was also voiced. Cindy will complete revisions and a final copy will be sent to the Board. It will be forwarded to County Counsel for review. To be placed on October agenda for finalization.
- A motion was made to increase the Wildland Budget for the 22/23 fiscal year to a total of \$274,795.42 with the increase of \$22,235 added to object code #5152. This will balance the 22/23 fiscal year.  
First: Kerry Koontz      Second: Jeri Stout      All in favor.

**REPORTS**

Update from the Chief

- Damon has contacted the USDA Grant representative and has supplied all the necessary information needed to proceed with the request for a grant. We are now awaiting their response.
- Sierra 35 is in Southern California at EVG for repairs. It is possible that the ECU unit is no longer working correctly.
- EMS 1, EMS 2 and 911 have not been working correctly. This should be a concern with all local emergency services. Damon has met with several of the local chiefs and the sheriff to voice concerns over the lack of communication. It may be possible for EMS1 to be designated for dispatch and EMS2 for run reports. Most departments would like to keep the “Legacy” system as it is already in place for many of them. The sheriff’s office would like the county offices to work as a team to have an adequate system that all can communicate with.
- The repeater on Marzano Peak is back in working order.
- Damon has completed the EMS survey with a gentleman from Northern California and Washington. We will have to wait for results.
- The ambulance company “REACH” did receive a subsidy from Inyo County. The local fire departments should be receiving the same from the County of Inyo for their ambulance services. Future subsidies are in question.
- There was a Pre-PO on stand-by for Hurricane Hiliary. The Swift Water Rescue from Sacramento was also assigned to our area. Lone Pine and Independence was hit the hardest. This storm brought a lot of water to our area. OES was concerned with the lack of county response to the entire County of Inyo in an emergency.
- The District has received a request for information on truck #2315 through our web page. Damon would like to have the request reviewed, as to the need to respond, as there is no name or address to identify who or why the request is being submitted.

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- Damon expressed that he feels this is the time to buy a new piece of equipment as we have a large amount of funds that are due to the District from the Hiliary Hurricane. There will be a committee meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss what this equipment could be.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- None

Run Report:

	<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	
	Fire Calls	3
	Medical	6
	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>240 YEARLY TOTAL</b>

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

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

Adjournment – Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Submitted – Joan Dixon, Secretary