

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 16, 2021**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:31PM on March 16, 2021. This meeting was held through Zoom due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Commissioners present through Zoom were Greg Bird, Mike Carrington, Pete Schlieker and Kerry Koontz. Chief Damon Carrington was present at the fire house.

Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2021.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

Ambulance Budget:

Amazon	63.28
American Business Machines	22.51
American Business Machines	4.00
BP Shell	0
Bishop Welding	87.50
Cross Connection	1692.69
Darrin Pagenkopp - EMT Immunizations	1013.00
Hi Country Mkt	174.27
LN Curtis	493.50
LN Curtis	584.89
Medicare Part B – REFUND OVERPAYMENT	424.29
Pagenkopp Custom Construction	2845.00
TOTAL	\$7,404.93

Fire Budget:

Amazon	118.55
American Business Machines	22.51
American Business Machines	4.00
BP Shell	0
Dewey Pest	250.00
DWP	410.66
DWP	112.73
DWP	43.83
Eastern Sierra Propane	271.27
Eastern Sierra Propane	265.31
Eastern Sierra Propane	0
Frontier Comm	189.08
Hi Country Market	302.39
High Country Lumber	113.56
Lehr	0
LN Curtis	145.46
LN Curtis	53.82
SCE	14.74
Steve's Auto	42.02
Union Bank	256.23
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	0

TOTAL	\$2,616.16
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ACO Budget:

Lehr	1112.40
TOTAL	\$1,112.40

Total Expenditures: \$11,133.49
Income from Amb billing: \$2,078.34

Fund Balances: ACO \$77,237.08 Working \$158,278.92 Amb \$78,688.74 Wildland \$312,792.59

A motion was made that the bills be paid.
First: Jeri Stout Second: Kerry Koontz All in favor.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- High Speed Internet:
After a discussion with Scott Stoner it is felt that a larger band width is need for our technology needs. A new line that will allow 40 MBS is needed to allow the cameras, notebooks, and training to occur at the same time. Technology will only increase as we move into the future. A motion was made that we enter a five-year contract with Frontier at the rate of \$320 per month.
First: Kerry Koontz Second: Pete Schlieker All in favor.
- Lighting for Wildland and Maintenance Bays:
A motion was made to install new LED lighting in the wildland and maintenance bays not to exceed \$3700 by Pagenkopp Custom Construction.
First: Kerry Koontz Second: Pete Schlieker All in favor.
- Locks:
The Lone Pine and Bishop Fire Departments are satisfied with the installation of the new locks. Damon would like the purchase of the locks placed on the June agenda.

REPORTS

Update from Chief:

- Wildland Overview:
The training with CalFire was a great success until the fire was reported out of control. This became the Calvert Fire and we submitted an invoice for \$12,464.22. We had three engines and nine firefighters attend the training. The funds in the Wildland budget can be reviewed for all uses in our next budget year as the balance is large. We can also possibly make a payment to one of our lenders or paving the parking lot can also be an option. The Board would like Damon to contact Doug Clair Construction and Qualcom Construction for possible availability and costs for a paving project.
- Hose Machine:
The Bishop Fire Department has received bids for the hose machine from LN Curtis and Cascade Fire. The bid was awarded to Cascade Fire. Bishop Fire will invoice us when the purchase is complete, and the product received.
- Ambulance Bay Lighting:
The project is complete. The new lights are very nice and very bright.
- Wildland Training:
We are in the third week of this training. Every volunteer must complete all training to participate on a wildland fire.
- Engine #8:
Millers in Lone Pine is installing the engine brake on #8. #8 has been out of service for three weeks. Volecity sent the incorrect parts and are correcting the error.

- **Back Gate:**
The gate does not work during a wind event. When the wind blows the gate will be turned off until the wind subsides.
- **Engine #2315:**
The foam is not working. The foam module needs to be replaced. It is hoped that the part can be sent and installed by Damon or Norm.
- **Emergency Calls:**
Our numbers are up from last year.
- **EDispatch:**
EDispatch has not been working as the Inyo County HHS Department has not completed their deferred maintenance. The Inyo County HHS Department was notified in November that they batteries needed to be replaced. Sam Blum was contacted for repairs to the system. Inyo County Supervisors have been notified.
- **Department of Water Power:**
Still many questions although there is some savings. Mr. Koontz will contact DWP for more information.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- None

Run Report:

	MONTHLY TOTALS	
	Fire Calls	1
	Service Calls	0
	Rescue	17
	Training	4
	Misc	0
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	1
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	YEARLY TOTAL	98

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

First: Kerry Koontz Seconded: Mike Carrington All in favor.

Adjournment – Chairman Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM

Submitted: Joan Dixon