

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 19, 2024**

Greg Bird called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 6:33PM on March 19, 2024.

Commissioners present: Greg Bird, Kerry Koontz, and Pete Schlieker.

Commissioners absent: Brian Howard

Chief Damon Carrington was present. Lorelee Mairs attended as a visitor.

Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2024.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

***Ambulance Budget:***

American Business Machines	34.79
BP Shell	106.26
Hi Country Mkt	143.80
Frontier – Internet	320.00
Life Assist	3639.70
Linde Gas & Equipment	132.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,376.87</b>

***Fire Budget:***

A T & T	67.57
Amazon	380.41
American Business Machines	34.79
BPCSD	133.08
BP Shell	22.15
DWP – 058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	0
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	0
Eastern Sierra Propane	201.82
Frontier Communications	277.59
Hi Country Mkt	561.58
LN Curtis	477.81
Mr. K's Automotive	184.36
Optimum	40.00
SCE	7.51
Silver State International	1158.33
Steve's Auto Parts	0
Streamline	120.00
VISA – Oak Valley Community Bank	1697.25
WEX BANK – Chevron Credit Card	120.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,530.00</b>

***Wildland Budget:***

Avenza Systems	2099.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,099.75</b>

Total Expenditures: \$12,006.62

Income from Fire billing: \$0

Income from Amb billing: \$7,084.49

*Fund Balances: ACO 329,980\$ Operating \$249,811 Amb \$107,519 Wildland \$344,672 TOTAL \$1,031,982*

Motion to pay the bills submitted.

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

#### **DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- A nomination of Greg Bird with Kerry Koontz as assistant to the chairman was presented.  
First: Pete Schlieker Second: Greg Bird All in favor.

#### **REPORTS**

Update from the Chief

- Damon would like to have a yearly review – in the month of July – of Ordinance No. 2017-03: Ordinance of Fees. The Board would like to see a possible increase of 10% for each fee, rounded to the nearest dollar, each year if needed.
- #3 will be needing tires soon at a cost of approximately \$3000. Damon would like to purchase these in the fall from Britt's Diesel at the government rate.
- The ambulance is transporting a patient home from Renown Hospital today. This is for the immediate family of a firefighter/EMT.
- Damon met with a group of men for the ISO rating today. Update to follow. This occurs every 5 years.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup> Damon will attend a Chief's meeting through zoom. Kevin Crunchio and Tyson Sparrow will be attending. One of the items to be covered is the inspections that the State Fire Marshall's office needs complete within the County of Inyo. A position is being created with the County of Inyo to complete inspections. Currently, Damon has contracted our inspections to be done through CalFire. Damon is concerned with the County of Inyo taking over as it may not be a viable source to have the inspections complete. More information to follow.
- On March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be an Inyo Mono Chief's meeting that will cover the Forest Service Federal Staffing for fires in our area during the summer months. Fire suppression staffing will have a very low number of employees this year.
- A plaque will be presented to Lloyd Wilson for his many years of service at a later date.
- The explorer program will not tolerate any behavior that involves drinking or drugs. At this time, we have had an explorer involved in an auto accident that occurred with drinking involved. A meeting shall be scheduled with the explorer, parent, and school counselor to discuss our options. This meeting shall be scheduled as soon as the explorer returns.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None

Update from Commissioner Chairman Greg Bird

- The Grand Jury has asked for more reporting on our buildings that were inspected by CalFire. Reports were sent for Big Pine School, Palisades, and the Big Pine Motel.

Run Report:

	<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	
	Fire Calls	1
	Medical	8
	Fire & Medical	5
	Service Calls	0
	Training	3
	Misc.	0
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	1
	Weather	0
	Explosion	0
	<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>100 YEARLY TOTAL</b>

**PUBLIC**

Loralee Mairs asked for clarification as to the siren on the reservation and when it would be sounding. The Board explained the situation and how it has become a possible reality. There is a one-year deadline that needs to be met. The MOA was signed on November 16, 2023.

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

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

Adjournment – Greg Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Submitted – Joan Dixon, Secretary