**Minutes for August 20, 2020**

**Beckwourth Fire District**

1. **Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Daniel Smith.**
2. **Roll Call:** **Board Members:** Daniel Smith – here, Denisce Downs - here, Dwight Ceresola – here, Gay Miller – here, John Randall - here. **Board Secretary:** Patty Venable, **Fire Chief:** absent, **Safety Officer**: Absent, **Division Chief**: Absent, **BEC members**: Floyd Meyers, BJ Mendoza, **Public**: John Reynolds, Tom Cooley, Pat Morton, Kevin Sankey.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
4. **Approval of Minutes** for the Board Meeting held July 16, 2020. Denisce Downs **motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 16, 2020** and Gay Miller seconded. Daniel – yes, Denisce – yes, Dwight – yes, Gay – yes, John - yes.All in favor**, motion passed without objection.**
5. **Approval of the Account Revenues, Receivables, Expenditures, and Balance Sheet** for the month of July 2020. Patty reported that the County sent the Period 13 report which is the final numbers for Fiscal Year 2019/20, along with the July report but it appeared to be incorrect. All of the July expenses were charged to the Period 13 report for last year, not this year’s July report. She contacted the County for corrections, but it was not completed in time for this meeting. Those reports will be available at next month’s meeting.
6. **Public Comment:** Floyd Meyers thanked Board Member, Denisce Downs, for her integrity. She provided Floyd a wonderful dinner after he was called out on a call, which interrupted the dinner he was having with his friends.
7. **Consent Agenda:** none
8. **Chief’s Report:** The Chief was at a fire and not able to attend the meeting, Daniel gave a few highlights for him. Mostly he spoke about the fires recently in our area, starting with the Loyalton Fire. BEC had a crew on that one and was able to save a home on a ranch in Long Valley, where the fire surrounded them. Then BEC sent a strike team out on the fire near Quincy up LaPorte Road. A few days later we were called to send another team, so BEC along with personnel from surrounding fire districts responded but were sent home right after arriving. Then we were called back the next day, and again released. So, it has been hectic, and a bit crazy at times, but good to see everyone working together for the same goal. Daniel also mentioned that Bret has been working on a program for firefighter fitness. Bret will report on that more at the next meeting.
9. **Secretary’s Report:** Patty made the change to the minutes from the last meeting and has brought them to be signed off on tonight. Patty received an email from Don Ball, who was formerly on our board but has moved back east. His email let us know he would not be able to come back in September for a visit given the situation with Covid, but he says hi and sends his best wishes. Patty thanked John Randall for installing a new faucet in the women’s bathroom. Lastly, Patty mentioned today is the Chief’s birthday and it was too bad he was not at the meeting to get a little teasing but wanted everyone to give him belated wishes when they see him next.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action: Potential contract for fire services with the City of Portola:** Daniel put together a handout of the Contract Details and discussed the goals and objectives. Overall, he feels the numbers work. He spent some time going over the budget and then projecting it over a 2-year period, and a contingency amount is always remaining, which is good. Tom Cooley wants to make sure the volunteers to be recruited are from the Portola area. Tom also said the handout referring to the budget has been adopted, so that is set. The stations are the property of the City of Portola and they expect maintenance to be paid through the City and the equipment belongs to the City. The contract will go before the City of Portola next week, and if adopted, then it will come back to our Board next month. Gay asked about the contract lasting for four years, and Daniel clarified it is a two year contract. It will begin this coming January, then the fiscal year begins in July, so Tom said it will probably turn into a 2 ½ year contract. A **motion was made to approve moving forward with the contract** by Denisce Downs, John seconded. Daniel – yes, Denisce – yes, Dwight – yes, Gay – yes, John – yes. All approved, **motion passed without objection**.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action: Local Emergency Services Study Group**. This is a standing item on our agenda of the potential consolidation/reorganization of six districts that have all signed an MOU to work toward this goal. Daniel reported that Jennifer, from LAFCO, was at the meeting. LAFCO has authorized her to work on this project and pay her to do this. The next meeting is this coming Monday, here at our station. It will include legal counsel from each district. Daniel feels we need to do a study and how to pay for that. But the bigger issue is, how do we fund this new organization? Tom feels we need to do a feasibility study, and work with LAFCO on how to pay for this. He feels there are many talented people “in house” and we should use them.
12. **Report on Coronavirus**: No report, Bret was absent.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action: Resolution 2020-006**, approving the Cal Fire Grant 50/50 award in the amount of $19,720.15. Denisce **motioned to approve the Resolution**, Gay seconded. Daniel – yes, Densice – yes, Dwight – yes, Gay – yes, John – yes. All in favor, **motion passed without objection**.
14. **Policy and Procedure 2010 and 2010a** – rolled over.
15. **Division Chiefs’ Report:** none
16. **Battalion Chiefs’ Report:** none
17. **Safety Officer’s Report:** none
18. **Directors Reports:** Denisce mentioned the Sheep Fire may impact the electrical lines, so try to conserve energy where possible.
19. **Old Business:** Harassment Training no offered in County at this time, may need to complete online.
20. **New Business:** NEXT MEETING DATE: **September 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m**.
21. **Adjournment:** Denisce **motioned to adjourn the meeting**, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

I, PATTY VENABLE, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID **BOARD MEETING** OF THE BECKWOURTH FIRE DISTRICT HELD ON **August 20, 2020** ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Patty Venable, Secretary of the Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ APPROVAL SIGNATURES: Minutes for August 20, 2020.

Daniel Smith: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Denisce Downs: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dwight Ceresola: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gay Miller: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Randall: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_