



Beckwourth Fire District  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2024 06:30 PM  
180 Main St, Beckwourth, CA 96129  
<https://www.beckwourthfire.com>

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Rachel Brothers.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Chair Rachel Brothers, Director Tyler McGarr, Director John Reynolds

Absent: Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Chair Rachel Brothers

**2. Public Comments**

There was one public comment commending Bruce Lackenbauer for the time and work he has been putting into the District.

**3. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of January 24th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

B. Approval of Account Revenues and Expenses, Balance Sheet, Expenses by vendor detail, Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual, and Plumas Bank Check Register for January 2024

Director John Reynolds motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Tyler McGarr.

The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Rachel Brothers Aye Director Tyler McGarr Aye Director John Reynolds Absent Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood

**4. Sealed Bid Auction for Surplus Equipment**

All submitted bids were opened with the following winners being determined:

- 1) Military Generator was awarded to Rick Gerbo, winning bid in the amount of \$ 2605.00
- 2) Ford F350 was awarded to Scott Hiatt, winning bid was in the amount of \$2000.00
- 3) Studded tires were awarded to Cole Sharp, winning bid in the amount of \$200.

All winners will be given a Notice of Award.

## 5. Department Staff Reports

### A. Chief's Report-

- Call Logs
- South Side Garage Door Opener

Interim Chief Kenny Osburn reported out on the following items:

- Call Logs- BFD responded to a total of 40 calls- 21 to Portola, 4 to Beckwourth, 1 to Gold Mountain, 1 Mutual Aid, and 13 to EPRFPD
- BFD's training for the months of January and February will be focused on ice rescues, and propane safety.
- We have received two quotes for the garage doors at stations 2 and 4, one from \*\*\*\*\* for \$2000 and the other from Sierra Garage Door for a couple hundred dollars, we will be going with the later company for service and repairs.
- BFD was awarded a 50/50 grant from \*\*\*\*\* for a total reimbursement of \$19,830.30
- BFD received payment from OES and were able to reimburse the reserve fund that is used to pay our firefighters when they are working OES fires, there is an additional 10% admin fee which was deposited into the general fund. Apparatus #9477 earned \$32,000 while on the fire as well.
- Safety Officer Floyd Meyers will be conducting station inspections over the coming weeks.

### B. Finance Manager Report

Finance Manager Carol Logan reported out on the following items:

- BFD received our final tax apportionment check from the county in the amount of \$34,890.94.
- Carol also announced that she will be taking a leave of absence and Administrative Officer Heather Grant will be absorbing her duties until further notice.

### C. Department Staff Reports

No department staff members had anything to report at this meeting.

## 6. **Directors Reports**

There were no reports given by Board Directors.

## 7. **Report on hydrant water use from Grizzly Ranch**

No water usage from the Grizzly Ranch Hydrant was reported. Directors requested this line item be removed.

## 8. **Beckwourth Peak Update**

Vice-President of the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District provided the following updates on the progress of the new district:

-The district has completed the announcement of Chief Officer position and will be publishing and seeking applicants starting 2.21, the application will close on 3.29.24.

- Each district that will make up the new district has begun the process of transferring their assets to the new district.

Sierra Valleys accounts could reportedly take between 4-6 weeks to transfer from the County

Portola will be issuing \$70,000 of shared tax revenues

Gold Mountain has promised a check in the amount of \$75,000

Beckwourth Fire has been requested to transfer \$200,000.00 as soon as the new districts bank accounts are ready.

## 9. **EPRFPD Bill For Services**

EPRFPD reportedly is waiting to hear back from the Sheriffs Dispatch to confirm the calls from their district were in fact responded to by BFD before they issue any payment on the outstanding invoices. Chief Osburn reported that the total of calls is now up to 93, and asked the Board to make a recommendation on what action to take moving forward. The board recommended that legal council be included in this discussion, and to seek advise on how to best proceed with this issue.

## 10. **Resolution 2024.01 Resolution To Transfer Funds To Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District**

Resolution 2024.01 Approval of Transfer of Funds to BPFDP was approved after revisions, in the amount of \$200,000.00. A motion was made by Director McGarr, Seconded by Director Reynolds, and approved by the following vote

Chair Brothers: Aye

Director McGarr: Aye

Director Reynolds: Aye

**11. Request for Approval of Repairs**

A motion was made to allow the expenditure of \$14,897.64 in order to repair #9477

Director John Reynolds motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Tyler McGarr.

The motion passed with the following vote:

3 **In Favor**       **Opposed**  
   **Abstained**    1 **Absent**

**12. Fire Wise Community Discussion**

This line item was moved to the end of the meeting, although no one from fire wise was present at the meeting to conduct the community discussion.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

-Beckwourth Peak FPD Updates

-Eastern Plumas RFPD Updates

-APN for Station 2 is not accurate and will need to be corrected with the County.

**14. Next Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on March 20th, 2024 at 6:30 pm

**15. Adjournment**

Director McGarr made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Director Reynold, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.