



**Beckwourth Fire District
Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2023 06:30 PM
180 Main St Beckwourth, 96129
<http://www.beckwourthfire.com>**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood.

A. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood, Director Alyson Ceresola, Director Tyler McGarr, Director Rachel Brothers

Absent: Chair Larry Smith

Staff Present: Chief Bret Russell, Deputy Chief Kenny Osborn, Captain Ruben Villa, Firefighter Brianna Adams, Cadet Dawson Thatcher, Clerk Carol Logan, Admin Assist Heather Grant

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood

2. Public Comments

A member of the public is in favor of the possible consolidation, she relayed that it will be extremely beneficial for the community as it was for the Truckee District.

A member of the public commented that he was saddened to see the difficulties that BFPD has in their mutual aid relationship with a nearby district. He would like to see more of a willingness to work with each other, rather than against each other.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of June 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Approval of June 29, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes Director Tyler McGarr motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Alyson Ceresola.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained 1 **Absent**

B. Approval of Account Revenues and Expenses, Balance Sheet, Expenses by vendor detail, Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual for June 2023 Director Rachel Brothers motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Alyson Ceresola. The roll call vote:

Aye **Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood** Aye **Director Alyson Ceresola** Aye **Director Tyler McGarr** Aye **Director Rachel Brothers** Absent **Chair Larry Smith**

4. Department Staff Reports

A. Chief's Report

Chief Bret Russell thanked all of his staff members for hard work and time spent.

Update on Call Log

Beckwourth 6 calls

Portola 16 calls

Mutual Aid 1 call

B. Secretary's Report

Carol Logan reported out on upcoming elections, passed out candidate packets to each of the board members and relayed the deadline of August 11th to turn them in.

Additional packets are available in the office for anyone who would like one.

C. Department Staff Reports

Ruben Villa reported that each crew member is issued an ID card with qualifications listed on it. Department will be obtaining program to enable BFPD to issue ID cards.

Ruben also reported that all local fire staff are welcome to attend any training provided by BFPD

5. **Directors Reports**

A. Tyler McGarr expressed his gratitude to all BFPD staff for efforts contributing to operation of BFPD and to all public members who were in attendance for their support.

6. **Report on hydrant water use from Grizzly Ranch**

A. Chief Bret reported No hydrant use from Grizzly Ranch for the month of June.

7. **Report Out On Meeting/ Training/ or Seminars**

Kenny Osborn commended the crew for completing wildland fire training and Instructor Ruben Villa for training so well, and making effective progress.

As a member of the OES Committee, he is happy to report on excellent leadership in the District

Our rescue truck is in the process of getting new decals and should be in service by September.

8. **Fire Protection Contract Discussion**

A. City of Portola Fire Protection Contract

Chief Bret reported that there was a Special Meeting held on this contract on 6/29/2023.

B. Sierra Nevada Journeys Fire Suppression, Protection, and Emergency Services contract reinstatement.

Heather Grant reported that Sierra Journeys has paid their passed due balance which enabled our staff members to provide them with an inspection which they passed.

Admin has prepared a reinstatement contract for legal review.

C. US Forest Service 2023/2024 Contract

No further progress has been made on this contract, still awaiting reply from USFS.

9. **Sealed Bids on Military Generators** Director Rachel Brothers motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Tyler McGarr.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 In Favor Opposed
 Abstained 1 Absent

Motion was passed to list one generator in sealed auction with a starting bid of \$2500. and to obtain batteries for a second generator at a cost of \$700 so it could also be listed at auction.

10. **Ad Hoc Finance Committee**

Item is tabled until next meeting so Chairman Larry Smith will be able to have an input before a vote is held

11. **Salary Survey** Director Tyler McGarr motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Alyson Ceresola.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 In Favor Opposed

Abstained 1 **Absent**

Resolution 2023.07 Salary Survey was adopted. This resolution provides for upper level fire staff to be able to obtain compensation when responding to out of district incidents.

12. **Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District Measure E**

A. Plumas County has requested a deposit of \$500 in order to add Measure E to the voters ballot. Accounts Payable is requesting Board approval for this expenditure.

This item was added due to a request for deposit from Plumas County Elections office that was made in error.

13. **Gym Memberships For Firefighters** Director Rachel Brothers motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Tyler McGarr.

The motion passed with the following vote:

 4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained 1 **Absent**

Motion was passed to provide up to 10 gym memberships to fire crew members at BFPD, with a maximum expenditure of \$250.

14. **Next Meeting Date**

A. The next regular meeting will be held August 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

15. **Future Agenda Items**

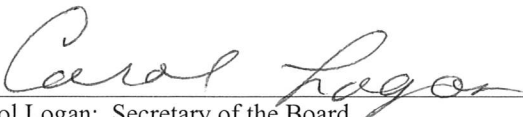
Military generator auction update

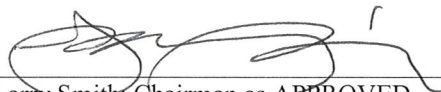
Ad Hoc Budget Committee

16. **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:42 PM

I, CAROL LOGAN, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BECKWORTH FIRE DISTRICT HELD ON July 19, 2023 ARE CORRECT AS SUBMITTED


Carol Logan: Secretary of the Board 8/16/23
Date


Larry Smith: Chairman as APPROVED 8-16-23
Date:


Daniel Greenwood, Vice Chairman as APPROVED 8/16/23
Date:


Director as APPROVED 8-16-23
Date: