



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

Board of Directors

Chair Larry Smith • Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood • Director Alyson Ceresola • Director Gay Miller • Director Tyler McGarr

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Larry Smith.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Larry Smith, Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood, Director Alyson Ceresola, Director Tyler McGarr

Absent: Director Gay Miller

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Chair Larry Smith

2. Public Comments

Chairman Larry Smith brought up that portion of the Brown Act concerning audio and visual recordings of the Board Meetings, which if done, MAY be made available upon request to the public. In the interest of cost cutting, these recordings will no longer be done at this and future Board Meetings.

Firefighter Bruce Lackenbauer brought up the question, that since the Federal Center for Disease Control has cancelled the Covid restrictions in public places, the wearing of masks in public or in meetings is no longer required, which was the primary reason for Audio & Visual recordings at Board Meetings for those who did not wish to attend in person. Since the CDC restrictions are no longer in effect, wouldn't this be enough of a reason to cancel the Audio & Visual recordings?

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of March 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Director Alyson Ceresola motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood. The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Larry Smith Aye Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood Aye Director Alyson Ceresola Aye Director Tyler McGarr Absent Director Gay Miller

B. Approval of Account Revenues, Expenditures, and Balance Sheet for March 2023. Director Tyler McGarr motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood. The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Larry Smith Aye Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood Aye Director Alyson Ceresola Aye Director Tyler McGarr Nay Director Gay Miller

4. Department Staff Reports

A. Chief's Report

BFD calls for the March, 2023 were: Division I Beckwourth (5) five, Division II Portola (25) twenty five and Division III Gold Mountain none.

Beckwourth Fire has a new Rescue truck we obtained from Truckee, California Fire Department for \$1.00! It is in PRISTINE condition!

Plumas County Sheriff's Office is in dire straights as there is one Deputy at times for the entire county. Response times could be up to 2 hours, depending where the Deputy is in the County when call for service comes down. In addition, Dispatch is down to 3 Dispatchers and may lose one of them, which leaves 2 with a supervisor for Sheriff and Fire calls.

If the Dispatcher's Office is down due to insufficient Dispatchers, it will cost the Beckwourth Fire Protection District approximately \$10K to obtain replacement services from another entity to continue per month. One option is dispatching services could come from Susanville. These funds come from County Tax Assessments which puts pressure on the rest of the County for finances.

Chief thanked BFD Fire Volunteers, Staff and Board of Directors for their service.

B. Secretary's Report

- 1.) New Year 2023 Ethics Training, (due every 2 years), Sexual Harassment, (due every year). Please provide Completion Certificates if you have them for last year or this year .
- 2.) FPPC Economic Interest Form 700. Thank you everyone who have completed their #700 form.
- 3.) Invoice to CALFIRE for reimbursement of radio purchase. A check for reimbursement for 50% of the purchase of radios, \$15,406.50 will be mailed out this week from CALFIRE.
- 4.) Reimbursement for training from GSRMA. Our insurance company, GSRMA will reimburse BFPD up to \$1000.00 for training. This is based on Risk Management and Loss Prevention. We are getting a reimbursement check from GSRMA this week for Ruben's Strike-Team/Task Force Leader Training.
- 5.) BFPD received the first Plumas County Assessment check for FY 2022-2023. BFPD received \$116,247.07 from Plumas County Tax Assessor on 4-5-2023.
- 6.) BFPD received the payment for the Mosquito Fire, \$74,849.27. The Firefighters have been paid. Total net received after payroll for the Mountain Fire, Mosquito Fire and the McKinney Fire is \$84,131.24.

C. Department Staff Reports

FF Bruce Lackenbauer wanted to thank Plumas Rural Electric for helping BFD with their Boom Truck at Station #2 in replacing the Interior Bay Lighting bulbs. Hopefully they will be replaced entirely with LED lighting.

Chief Osburn gave an update on spring training for BFD and gave Kudos to Brian Attama, Bruce Lackenbauer and Ruben Villa for their help and expertise with the various training classes they were involved with including the Extrication training BFD finished a couple of weeks ago.

One of the Military Electrical Generators BFD had for sale sold for \$2100.00. BFD broke even on this for the expenses tendered for it's fix to become operational. The other Generator BFD has will be put up for sale via sealed bid in the future.

5. Directors Reports

- A. Director Tyler McGarr gave an update on the Fire Shelter training class he attended recently.

6. Beckwourth Fire Protection District Board Member Vacancy

A. Vacancy Posting Declaration

Chair Larry Smith read Gay Miller's resignation letter which was effective April 13, 2023. A Vacancy Declaration is to be posted April 20, 2023 for a replacement for Gay to be on or after May 5, 2023.

THANK YOU, Gay, for your faithful service to Beckwourth Fire Protection District!!

Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Alyson Ceresola. The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Larry Smith Aye Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood Aye Director Alyson Ceresola Aye Director Tyler McGarr Nay Director Gay Miller

7. May National Fire Awareness Month

- A. Beckwourth resident, Gary Parkay, gave a presentation on the Fire Wise Program he is involved with since 2007 and the advantages of the town of Beckwourth being involved in this program and the downfalls of not being involved. He is being assisted by resident Denice Downs and Logan who is involved with the Fire Safe Council. Logan also gave a short presentation on the pro's and con's of being involved as well.

8. Report on hydrant water use from Grizzly Ranch

- A. No water was used by Station #2 for the month of March, 2023.

9. Next Meeting Date

A. 5/17/2023

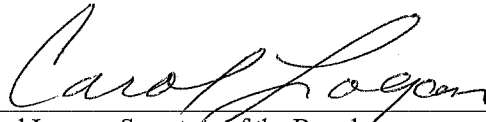
10. Future Agenda Items

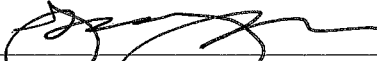
1. Board will discuss discontinuance of Audio/Video recording of meetings, with all future meetings being attended in person.
2. Board will discuss Plumas County Dispatch Plan.
3. Board will discuss converting lighting at Station #2 to LED's
4. Discussion on Board member vacancy
5. Discussion on sealed bid opening for 2nd Military generator in June.


11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Smith at 7:22PM.

I, CAROL LOGAN, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID BOARD MEETING OF THE BECKWOURTH FIRE DISTRICT HELD ON October 19, 2022, ARE CORRECT AS SUBMITTED

 5/19/23
Carol Logan: Secretary of the Board Date

 5-22-23
Larry Smith: Chairman as APPROVED Date:

 5-22-2023
Tyler Mcgarr Director as APPROVED Date: