

Minutes for June 1, 2022 Beckwourth Fire District

- 1. Board members may attend this meeting via teleconference as permitted by California Law. Members of the public were able to join the meeting via Zoom live streaming or in person. Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Daniel Smith.**
- 2. Roll Call: Board Members:** Daniel Smith – here, Gay Miller – here, Daniel Greenwood – here, Alyson Ceresola - here. **Board Secretary:** Mercadez Flewell – here, **Fire Chief:** Bret Russell - here, Deputy Chief: Kenny Osborn - here, **Safety Officer:** Absent, **Division Chief:** Absent, **BFD members:** Floyd Meyers, Bruce Lackenbauer, **Public:** Pat Morton, Tom Cooley, John Reynolds
- 3. The Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
- 4. Opening remarks.** Daniel Smith thanked all the board members for their time as well as the staff and volunteers for everything they do. He also Thanked John Reynolds for all the work he has done on Firewise programs and thanked Pat Morton for being there from Portola.
- 5. Approval of Minutes** for the Board Meetings held April 20, 2022. There were no corrections that needed to be made, Daniel Greenwood **motioned to approve the minutes** from the prior month, and Gay Miller seconded. Daniel S. – yes, Gay – yes, Daniel G. – yes, Alyson – yes. All in favor, **motion passed without objection.**
- 6. Approval of the Account Revenues, Expenditures, and Balance Sheet for months of April and May 2022.** There were no edits or corrections needed. Bret Russell and Mercadez Flewell went over the monthly expense sheet and broke down amounts of what has been spent and where BFD will be receiving reimbursements or funds back from other departments. Gay Miller **motioned to approve the revenues, expenditures, and balance sheet** from the prior month, and Daniel Greenwood seconded. Daniel S. – yes, Gay – yes, Daniel G. – yes, Alyson – yes. All in favor, **motion passed without objection.**
- 7. Public Comment:** John Reynolds spoke on behalf of the Firewise program at Grizzly Ranch. He also spoke about the Eastern Plumas Fire Prevention grant. This grant is a 5.7 Million Dollar grant that covers a huge portion of the eastern side of the county.

Bruce Lackenbauer thanked all board members and volunteer firefighters for their time and service to Beckwourth Fire District.
- 8. Consent Agenda: None**
- 9. Chief's Report:** Bret Russell reported that there were 8 calls in the Beckwourth Division and 28 calls in the Portola Division. He thanked all Volunteers for their time and dedication to the department. Kenny Osburn has gotten all of BFD's volunteers ready for this upcoming fire season with the proper classes and recerts. BFD had a guest speaker come and discuss about carpentry of buildings and how to fight them. The Gravel Grinder Event will be taking place on June 4th, Chief Russell, Deputy Chief Osburn and Captain Lackenbauer have all patrolled the route and Chief Osburn began the IAP Set-up. June 5th the Beckwourth Fire District will be hosting a pancake breakfast. Two Firefighters as well as two Fire Cadets graduated from the 18th Annual Quincy Fire academy. With the cadets being trained they will now be responding on calls to observe and learn more. Water Tender 9431 that is on lien from the Forest Service has been repainted, the contract that BFD has with the forest service stated it needed to be done within one year.

Bret Russell expressed his concerns regarding the Sugar Fire last year. BFD is still waiting to receive funds and some firefighters have not been paid yet. Bret asked the board if we could pay them, and once the funds come in out it back into the strike team reserve. Gay **motioned to approved to pay the firefighters for the Sugar Fire** and Alyson Ceresola seconded. Daniel S. – yes, Gay – yes, Daniel G. – yes, Alyson – yes. All in favor, **motion passed without objection.**
- 10. Secretary's Report:** Mercadez Flewell reported that there is a public notice to all Intermountain Disposal receipts that do not live in an incorporated city, there may be an 8.91% increase on waste management fees. They will be holding a meeting on July 5th, 2022, at the Supervisors Board Room in Plumas County Courthouse. Daniel Smith asked Mercadez to bring back a report regarding this at the next meeting on July 20th.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action:** Review board appointments and new vacancy, post for a interim appointment. – Daniel Smith explained how and why Dick Spencer is no longer on the board. Unfortunately, with Dick not being a registered voter for the Beckwourth District, he can not be on the board. Daniel Smith resigned from the board due to family reasons. He

expressed the joy and gratitude he has had being apart of this organization and it is with a heavy heart he has to step down and leave. He expressed that he will be around until July 1st to finish tying up a few things. He stated that at any time after he is gone, if any member from Beckwourth Fire District needs anything or has any questions not to hesitate to ask. Mercadez will be posting the board vacancies and leaving them open until July in hopes of getting letters of interests.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Adopt Final Proposed Budget for 2022-2023: Review any amendments since last months original draft budget – Bret Russell, Mercadez Flewell, and Daniel Smith Spoke regarding amendment’s that were made to the budget. Mercadez answered all of Alyson Ceresola’s questions from the previous meeting. Alyson Ceresola **motioned to approve Final Proposed Budget for 2022-2023**, Gay Miller seconded. Daniel Smith – yes, Gay Miller – here, Daniel Greenwood – yes, Alyson Ceresola – yes. All in favor, **motion passed without objection.**
13. **Update of:** LESSG Consolidation Project. – Daniel Smith and Public Tom Cooley briefly explained the consolidation’s progress to date. The committee is getting close to the end of the evaluation. The LAFCO process has requirements for a consolidation or formation of a new district which is what we have been working on. All the departments that are involved in the formation have been regularly active in the process and have worked closely with LAFCo and our consultant to ensure that it is all being done correctly. There are many non-emergent calls that the fire departments are paged out to respond to that should go only to the ambulance service., Fire departments are not legally required to respond to these non-emergency calls. All parties involved are working on a better way to address these calls. Over the next six to eight weeks the LESSG committee will continue to meet and refine the evaluation prior to bringing it to the public for review and discussion.
14. **Update of:** Certificate of Defensible Space that Cal-Fire needs. – Daniel Smith explained that this is now something that has to take place for homeowners to sale their place, however it is an optional choice. Bret Russell reached out to a contact for Cal-Fire and has not heard back. He will be reaching out again to try and resolve the issue that has arisen. At this time Beckwourth Fire District does not have personnel qualified to issue or determine if a certificate can be issued for defensible space. Mercadez reached out to the HOA department of Grizzly Ranch and explained the situation. As of now that has been the only area that has had persons reaching out for these certificates.
15. **Update of:** Portola City Council Liaison Monthly Report. – No report
16. **Update of:** Report on Coronavirus/Policies and Procedures. BFD’s Policies and Procedures remain the same.
17. **Update of:** Report on water use from Grizzly Ranch. 1500 gallons used for the month of April and zero gallons used for the month of May.
18. **Department Reports:** Reports from the Safety Committee, Equipment Committee, training Committee and others as necessary. - Bruce Lackenbauer asked if Beckwourth Fire District has a contract with the Plumas National Forest Service yet and what the status is of the deviation letter that BFD sent in. Bret Russell reported that at this time the deviation letter has been submitted and BFD is waiting to hear back from the PNFS regarding a contract. Bret will reach out to Aaron Grove to schedule a meeting.
19. **Directors Reports:** None.
20. **Old Business:** None.
21. **New Business:** NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday July 20, 2022.
22. **Adjournment of Meeting:** Daniel S. adjourned meeting @ 20:31

I, MERCADEZ FLEWELL, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID **BOARD MEETING** OF THE BECKWOURTH FIRE DISTRICT HELD ON **June 1, 2022**, ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Mercadez Flewell, Secretary of the Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ APPROVAL SIGNATURES: Minutes for June 1, 2022

Gay Miller: _____ Date: _____

Daniel Greenwood: _____ Date: _____

Alyson Ceresola: _____ Date: _____