



**Beckwourth Fire District
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023 06:30 PM
180 Main St Beckwourth 96129
<http://www.beckwourthfire.com/>**

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 6:34 pm by Chair Larry Smith.

A. Roll Call

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

Absent: Director Gay Miller, Director Tyler McGarr

Staff Present:

Board Secretary Carol Logan & Floyd Meyers; Deputy Chief Kenny Osburn; BFD members Capt. Ruben Villa, Capt. Scott Thompson, FF Bruce Lackenbauer, FF Louis Siqueido, Cadet Nate Haug, Cadet Tanner Low and Cadet Dawson Thatcher.

Fire Chief, Administrative Captain, Safety Officer and Division Chief were absent.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Chair Larry Smith

2. Public Comments

A member of the public brought to the Board's attention that when she called in for assistance with her collapsed shed, the BFD Fire Crew that responded were "Super Nice, Professional and did a great job" and she was very impressed with them.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of February 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Account Revenues, Expenditures, and Balance Sheet for the month of February 2023

Under Item A. A motion by Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood to approve the Minutes, 2nd by Director Ceresola. A Standard Vote was taken with Chair Larry Smith, Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood and Director Alyson Ceresola voting Aye, Directors Miller and McGarr were absent.

Under Item B. The Motion, 2nd and Roll Call Vote is as shown here under Item 3 of the Agenda.

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 Absent Director Gay Miller Absent Director Tyler McGarr

4. Department Staff Reports

A. Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Osburn gave an update on BFD training which is ongoing and is well attended by Fire Personnel.

Fire Equipment at all Stations are all in service with no defects noted.

BFD Division I Beckwourth had 8 calls in February of which 6 were Medical Aid; 1 Vehicle Accident and 1 Fire Alarm.

BFD Division II Portola had 33 calls in February of which 21 were Medical Aid; 2 Mutual Aid for another Fire District; 2 Gas Leaks; 2 Public Assists; 1 Vehicle Accident; 3 Fire Alarms and 2 were miscalls for which there was no Run # assigned and for which the proper agency was subsequently paged out.

PCSO Sgt. Grant attended one of our trainings and assisted with Rope Rescue Training techniques that Plumas County Search & Rescue uses.

A SAFER Grant thru FEMA for Fire Personnel has been approved.

There will be a Driver Operator Training class coming up which has 6 enrolled and a subsequent Pump Operation class which has 21 enrolled.

A Water Tender will be added to respond to all calls for an Engine due to the snow pack burying the hydrants and not all of them have been dug out due to the weather.

With the weather warming up with rain, the snow pack will be melting, flooding will increase. There is sand and sand bags at the City Yard in Portola for the general public's use if needed.

B. Secretary's Report

Administrative Officer Carol Logan reported New Year 2023 Ethics Training is due every 2 yrs and the Sexual Harassment Training is due every year. Please provide completed certificates if you have them for last year or this year. Also the FPPC Economic Interest Form 700 was due 3-1-23 which requires a "wet signature" and needs to be turned in to BFPD Office.

C. Department Staff Reports

Captain Villa reports that he has completed the Strike Team Leadership Class and was first in his class.

The issues we had with the heater in the Training Bay at Station #1 not working has been fixed and it is now working as it should.

5. Directors Reports

A.

None

6. Rescind Resolution # 2023-01

Vice Chair Daniel Greenwood motioned to approve. A second was made by Director Alyson Ceresola.

The motion passed with the following vote:

3 In Favor 0 Opposed
— Abstained 2 Absent

A member of the public asked why Resolution 2023-01 was to be rescinded under Agenda Item #6 and then reintroduced under Agenda Item # 7. Chairman Smith explained that the original vote was in error as it should have been under a "Public Hearing" at the last meeting as required, but was not. This vote was to correct that error and is why it is being reintroduced under a Public Hearing as noted in Item # 7 of the Agenda.

Another member of the public was concerned about the distance Fire Resources would have to travel to a call at the northern reaches of the new Fire Protection District and if that would stretch resources thin due to the distance and time needed to respond to a call. This person was reassured that personnel would not be compromised as there was already in place others (from previous Fire Districts that were consolidated) to cover the area that those responding would leave temporarily, and, if needed, others under Mutual Aid from other Districts as well as the U.S. Forest Service.

7. Public Hearing - Resolution 2023-01 - Formation of New Fire District

Public Hearing on the reintroduction of RESOLUTION # 2023-01 FORMATION OF NEW FIRE DISTRICT was opened at 6:50PM by Chairman Smith.

Chairman Smith gave a "Reader's Digest" version of this resolution and why it was being reintroduced. Discussion followed concerning LESSG, this resolution, previous attempts at consolidation and why, it was so (as one person stated) so urgently needed for eastern Plumas County.

Public hearing on this resolution was closed at 7:23PM.

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** Absent **Director Gay Miller** Absent **Director Tyler McGarr**

8. **Adoption of Resolution 2023-02 -Workers Compensation for Unpaid Volunteers** 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** Absent **Director Gay Miller** Absent **Director Tyler McGarr**

9. **Report on water use from Grizzly Ranch**

None for February 2023.

10. **Report on Fire Contract With United States Forest Service**

It was noted that BFPD received a \$5400.00 payment for 2022 station rental at Grizzly Road from the USFS which can be placed on a future Agenda.

11. **Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date**

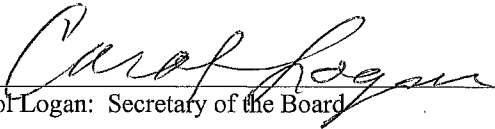
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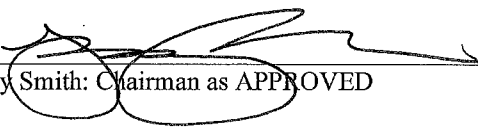
Next Board Meeting on April 19, 2023 at 6:30PM.

12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

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

 4-19-23
Carol Logan: Secretary of the Board Date

 4-19-23
Larry Smith: Chairman as APPROVED Date:

 4/19/23
Daniel Greenwood, Vice Chairman as APPROVED Date: