

**INDEPENDENCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 23, 2026
5:30 PM**

- I. Meeting was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. *Present:*
*Commissioners J. Connaughton, A. Broch, J. Sharer; Assistant
Chief M. Cappello, Secretary J. Odum*
Commissioner J. Connaughton led the Flag Salute
- II. Public Comment.
At this time, any member of the public may make comments during this scheduled period, but no action will be taken.
There was no public comment.
- III. Discussion Items
- a. Fire Chief – *N/A*
- b. Asst. Chief- 3 volunteers(A.Howe, J. Peterson, K. Schendal) went to the extrication class.
- c. There was a 2 acre fire at the fort on 3/20/26.
- d. April 11th & 12th, Edward Ivey gave a class for engine/truck ops. Olanca, Lone Pine, Big Pine and Bishop joined Independence Volunteers for the class.
- e. Other- Secretary J. Odum informed the Commissioners that we now have a Shred Pro bin for shredding of documents.
- f. Budget Report – J. Odum

Fund Balance as of March 2, 2026

Fire District Fund 8320:	\$91,593
Ambulance Fund 8323:	\$91,734

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ACO Fund 8321: \$219,329

Wildland Fund 8324: \$180,796

The Journal Entry in the amount of \$175,000 for the transfer from the ACO budget to Operating budget that was approved on February 26, 2025, should be processed the week of March 23, 2026.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from January 26, 2026, Special meetings on February 10, 2026 & February 26, 2026

Approve expenditures (rounded)for January 2026 in the amount of \$159,836 (Operating), \$4,023 (Ambulance) and \$-0- (Wildland)

Significant expenditures for January, 2026 Operating budget: \$16,837 Workers Comp, \$975 Unemployment, \$6,557 Elevated Mobile(vehicle maint), DWP, \$2,750(2 months), Fuel, \$1,029, \$175,000 Alta EVG (down payment for truck)

Significant expenditures for January, 2026 Ambulance budget:
No significant expenditures

Significant expenditures for January, 2026 Wildland budget:
\$35,436 (Garnet Fire payroll)

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:
January, 2026 \$159,836 (taxes)

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:
January, 2026 \$2,108 Ambulance billings

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Revenue received in Independence Wildland:
January, 2026 \$79,744(Garnet fire payments)

Approve expenditures (rounded)for February, 2026 in the amount
of \$189,779 (Operating), \$668 (Ambulance) and \$-0-(Wildland)

Significant expenditures for February, 2026 Operating budget:
\$1650 to reimburse Olanca for Class M. Cappello took last year,
\$3,543 Lexipol, \$1,377 PS Trax, DWP, \$1,897
Fuel, \$624, \$175,000 Alta EVG (down payment for truck)

Significant expenditures for February, 2026 Ambulance budget: \$
258 fuel

Significant expenditures for February, 2026 Wildland budget: -0-
No expenditures

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:

February, 2026 \$129,964 (Operating transfer for the payoff of the
pumper)

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:

February, 2026 \$-128,185 (this is correcting an error in January)

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:

February, 2026 \$18,581 (Preposition 8/21-24/25)

Motioned by: J. Sharer

Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0-

Motion passed: Yes

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- V. Approve repair/replacement of garage door sections (ally side) by Sierra Garage Doors in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per estimate/invoice dated March 1, 2026, and authorize payment to be paid from Independence Fire Operating budget 832001, Object code 5265.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: A. Broch
Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

- VI. Motion to schedule the next meeting for June 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: J. Sharer
Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

- VII. Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: J. sharer
Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes