**INDEPENDENCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

1. Meeting was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. *Present: Commissioners J. Connaughton, A. Broch, J. Sharer; Chief J. Cappello, Secretary J. Odum.*

Commissioner J. Connaughton led the Flag Salute

1. Public Comment.

At this time, any member of the public may make comments

during this scheduled period, but no action will be taken.

1. Discussion Items-
	1. Fire Chief – Meeting with the Fort Independence Tribe on Tuesday, Oct. 24 regarding concerns and agreement.

Will be bringing forward for discussion later, policy for background checks and random drug testing.

* 1. Asst. Chief-
	2. Other discussion – New heating is in. Received $25,000 from the county to the ambulance fund. The Chief is looking as options for its use, perhaps EMT retention. Will present to Commissioners for allocation of funds at later date
	3. Budget Report – J. Odum

 No budget report for this meeting, just a reminder that the next

 regular meeting is schedules for Nov. 13, 2023

1. **AMEND** Item VI from September 25, 2023 meeting to read as follows:

After obtaining information from the County Treasurer at the August 28, 2023 meeting, we request the Commissioners separate

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the relationship with the Independence Firesafe Council(that relationship was originally approved on August 31, 2020) due to California Government Code Section 27011, which does not allow private funds, and removing the Independence Fire Safe Council from under the Districts umbrella, ***AND*** authorize the Independence Fire Protection District to request payment from the Inyo County Auditor’s office to the Independence Fire Safe Council for the balance of their unspent funds from the

Independence Fire District operating budget 832001, Object code 5539 Other Agency Contributions, no later than Oct. 31, 2023 with full separation by October 31, 2023.

Motioned by: A. Broch Seconded: J. Connaughton

 Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

1. Amend the 2023-2024 Independence Fire Protection District budget 832001 by increasing expense in object code 5655 Vehicles by $838 for a total of $11,745 and authorize payments to Stryker Sales Corp for the power lift once a year over the next 3 budget years in the amount of $11,744.46. The increase will be offset from fund balance.

Motioned by: A. Broch Seconded: J. Sharer

 Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

1. Meeting adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: J. Sharer

 Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes