**INDEPENDENCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**5:30 PM**

Via zoom Meeting ID: 67 828 1462 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6798281462

& at Station (please social distance & wear a mask)

1. Meeting was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. *Present: Commissioners E. Murdy, A. Broch; Chief J. Cappello, Asst. Chief M. Cappello, Secretary J. Odum*. Commissioner J. Connaughton was absent.

Flag Salute led by Commissioner E. Murdy.

1. 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.*

1. Discussion Items
   1. Fire Chief – Wednesday night before the fire meeting, there was smoke at Rattlesnake butte, the desert was on fire caused by a campfire from a fire ring and was headed towards town. 80+ acres (named the Onion Fire). Lone Pine, Big Pine and Bishop fire aided and pitched in. There was a Helicopter the next day from San Bernardino. The Forest Service will pay reimburse us.

Every other Monday there are EMT skills refresher training. A couple of our EMT’s will be taking their Nationals. Skills test on Saturday, Sunday and then test on Monday. More skills tests will be conducted.

May 1 & 2, a live burn in Bishop will occur. 5 or 6 of our volunteers will attend.

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Around May 1 there will be a seminar from Pryo-Spectucular for fireworks. Asst. Chief Cappello qualifies and needs to get a certificate and certified by the State Fire Marshall for his Pryotech license.

Wildland reimbursement for Workers comp. The Chief will touch base with Secretary Odum.

* 1. Fire Safe Council report- The Chief will reported that Green waste day flyers will be mailed, the Chief wants to be kept updated with the grant information, there was a fire bread west of town for fuel reduction that Cal Fire did the work at the request of the Independence Fire Safe Council.

Listed below is information the IFSC had sent to the District.

Chief.

It is the intention of the Independence Fire Safe Council (IFSC) to submit a proposal to the Fire Prevention Grants Program available through CAL FIRE. It is a funding opportunity for local projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire, reduce wildfire potential and increase community resilience. The IFSC would be requesting for funds to develop an Independence Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP).

The proposal would include the Independence Fire Protection District extending within the District’s sphere of influence. Inclusive areas would be the town, 7-Pines, Fort Independence, Oak Creek and Aberdeen.

The funding would be used to contract with a consultant experienced in the development of CWPPs. An on-site assessment for fire risks would be conducted of each of the designated areas. Community meetings will be held to facilitate community in-put. The Plan will identify and prioritize areas for risk mitigation. Each designated area will have its own prioritized list within its area and each will have a

separate Work Plan. The Work Plan per designated area will clearly delineate activities needed to be taken to reduce fire risk.

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The deadline for grant submission is May 19, 2021 and projects must be completed by March 15, 2025 or March 15, 2026, depending on the source of the funds awarded.

* 1. Asst. Chief- Reported that advertisement for the request for sealed bids for the F-350 will be in the paper on Wednesday, for 2 weeks. Viewing will be on April 24th from 9-10 a.m. Bids will be opened on May 1st at 9:00 am. Minimum bid is $1,000.

Training- Getting quantification cards ready for the guys to go on OES call assignments. We currently have about 4 volunteers, there will be 8-10 when completely finished.

* 1. Other discussion –
  2. Budget Report – J. Odum

Fund Balance as of March 31, 2021

Fire District: $275,432

Ambulance: $ 48,888

ACO: $ 115,860

Wildland: $-0-

FYI, we did receive money for pre-positioning from 8/20-24/2020 in the amount of $25,419.41 that was deposited into the Wildland budget on April 5th. We will be paying the volunteers who were on the standby the end of this month.

1. Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from February 22, 2021 meeting.

Approve expenditures (rounded)for February, 2021 in the amount of $15,976 (Operating), and $148 (Ambulance)

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Significant expenditures for February, 2021 Operating budget: $2,307, DWP; $10,000 to Rock River LLC for deposit on new pumper truck.

Significant expenditures for February, 2021 Ambulance budget: There were no significant expenditures.

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:

February 2021 $-0-

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:

February 2021 $1,117 Ambulance billings

Approve expenditures (rounded)for March, 2021 in the amount of $6,591 (Operating), and $1,093 (Ambulance) $918 of the $1,093 was posted to the Ambulance budget, it should have been the operating budget. It will be corrected.

Significant expenditures for March, 2021 Operating budget: $2,279 for DWP .

Significant expenditures for March, 2021 Ambulance budget: There were no significant expenditures for March.

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:

March 2021 $514, Interest

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:

March 2021 $1,059, Ambulance billings & $90 interest

Motioned by: E. Murdy Seconded:A. Broch

Ayes:-2- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

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1. Set day & time for next meeting. June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Motioned by: E. Murdy Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-2- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

1. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 5:56 p.m.

Motioned by: A. Broch Seconded: E. Murdy

Ayes:-2- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes