
**BIG BEAR LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
APRIL 14, 2010**

A Meeting of the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Mulvihill at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Fire Chief Mark Mills

Boardmembers Present: Chairman Darrell Mulvihill
 Vice Chairman Michael Karp
 Boardmember Liz Harris
 Boardmember Rick Herrick
 Boardmember Bill Jahn

Boardmembers Excused: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board heard a presentation by Chris Carrillo from Senator Feinstein's office regarding Senate Bill 2921. Mr. Carrillo gave an overview of the proposed Bill, which is a renewable energy bill designed to create a monument area in the San Jacinto National Forest Area and surrounding deserts. Approximately 6,000 acres of the proposed Area is in the San Bernardino National Forest near Highway 38, which will be designated as wilderness in the Forest Management Plan. All motorized vehicles, including firefighting vehicles would be restricted from entering that area. If a fire broke out permission would be needed from a Forest Service official in central California to fight the fire. The Board stated that they could support the Bill if the wilderness portion was removed because of concerns that if a fire occurred it would impede evacuation methods and firefighters would have a difficult time trying to stop a fast-moving fire. The Fire Chief was asked to place this matter on a future agenda for additional information and discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Boardmember Jahn, seconded by Vice Chairman Karp to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

FP1. Approval of Demands – Check Issue Date 03/02/2010 through 04/06/2010 – Check Nos. 50278 through 50641 in the amount of \$58,148.55

Approved.

FP2. Fire Department Monthly Statistical Report for March 2010

Received and filed.

FP3. Fire Department Monthly Customer Satisfaction Survey

Received and filed.

FP4 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 13, 2010, February 10, 2010, and March 10, 2010

Approved.

The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Harris, Jahn, Karp, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Herrick

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

FP5. Ready! Set! Go! Program

Board consideration of adopting the Ready! Set! Go! Program for the City of Big Bear Lake and the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District.

Motion by Boardmember Herrick, seconded by Boardmember Jahn to adopt the Program.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Harris, Jahn, Karp, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Herrick

FP6. Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Annual Operating Budget

Board consideration of discussing potential revenue increases or new revenue sources and reductions in expenses for the fiscal year 2010/2011 Budget.

Fire Chief Ballard discussed with the Board that the department is facing an \$881,480 deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that revenues are down and expenses have risen. He also stated that retirement costs have risen, dispatch fees and radio services have also gone up and that two of the three shifts now operated with six personnel and one with five.

Jeff Schwing, Big Bear Lake Firefighter: stated that he represents the firefighter's bargaining unit, and stated that he does not feel that the \$881,480 figure is correct. He stated that staff's salaries were already in the budget and should not be a factor for fiscal year 2010/2011; however, the Fire Chief's salary is higher than was budgeted.

The Board expressed their concern with the deficit number stating that they were under the impression that there was a \$400,000 shortfall, not an \$800,000 shortfall, and directed staff to schedule a budget workshop meeting as soon as possible.

FP7. Transfer of the 1984 Seagraves Fire Engine

Board consideration of donating the 1984 Seagraves fire engine to the Arrowbear Fire Department with recommended conditions.

Motion by Boardmember Harris, seconded by Boardmember Jahn to authorize staff to donate the 1984 Seagraves fire engine to Arrowbear Fire Department as recommended by staff.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Harris, Herrick, Jahn, Karp, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

FP8. Fire District Update

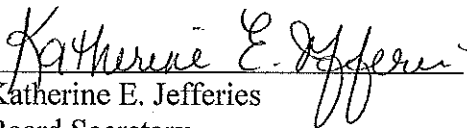
Received and filed.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fire Protection District at this session, Chairman Mulvihill adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.


Katherine E. Jefferies
Board Secretary