
**BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
April 11, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Big Bear Fire Authority was called to order by Board Chair Mote at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 41090 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California and by teleconference at 74711 Dillon Road, Desert Hot Springs, Space 244, CA 92241.

Board Members Present: Board Chair Bynette Mote
 Vice Chair Bob Rowe
 Director John Green
 Director Rick Herrick – arrived at 5:01 p.m.
 Director Perri Melnick
 Director Randall Putz
 Director Kendi Segovia
 Director Larry Walsh
 Director Al Ziegler

Board Members Absent: Director John Russo

Others Present: Jeff Willis, Fire Chief
 Mike Maltby, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal
 Kristin Mandolini, Director of Business Services
 Chardelle Smith, Interim Board Secretary

OPEN SESSION

Board Chair Mote confirmed with Director Green that audio was working, the teleconference site was open to the public, and the agenda was posted for public viewing.

CALL TO ORDER

Moment of Silence: Observed

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director of Business Services Kristin Mandolini

ROLL CALL

Please Note: The Chair may, at his or her discretion, take items out of order at the meeting to facilitate the business of the Board and/or for the convenience of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fire Authority’s Administrative Office will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day and will re-open on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Kristin Mandolini presented the finance report as of February 28, 2023.

FIRE AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Walsh Pulled FA1 for further discussion.

FA2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Big Bear Fire Authority.

FA3. Receive and File Big Bear Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for January and February 2023.

Action: Motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Rowe, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

AYES: Green, Herrick, Melnick, Putz, Rowe, Segovia, Walsh, Ziegler,
Mote
NOES: None
ABSENT: Russo
ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

FA1. Approval of Demands – Check Issue Date 01/1/2023 through 02/28/2023 in the amount of \$1,978,621.01.

Discussion was held regarding items recently purchased as well as the Southwest gas bills at a higher amount due then the past years for the Moonridge Station.

Action: Motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Melnick, to approve FA1 as follows:

AYES: Green, Herrick, Melnick, Putz, Rowe, Segovia, Walsh, Ziegler,
Mote
NOES: None
ABSENT: Russo
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

FA4. Adoption of the 2022 Edition of the California Fire Code, and the 2022 Edition of the California Residential Code, with Changes, Amendments, Additions, Deletions, and Exceptions.

Board consideration of conducting a Public Hearing and waiving the second reading to adopt Ordinance No. BBFA2023-001.

Speaker: Mike Maltby, Assistant Chief

Motion by Director Walsh; seconded by Vice Chair Rowe, to conduct a public hearing, waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance BBFA2023-001 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. BBFA2023-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY, A CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, ADOPTING THE 2022 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE 2022 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, ALONG WITH CERTAIN CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO

Staff responded to questions from board members. Board members provided comment.

It was brought to Staff's attention there were typos and the category H was missing within the A-G definitions that go with the chart starting on page 4.

Action: At the hour of 5:47 p.m., Board Chair Mote opened the public hearing.

Chris Segovia, Big Bear Lake: Addressed the Board with issues regarding the Hazard Abatement program. He stated he does not find it fair that, say he clears his yard May 1st, and by June 1st, the weeds are back and he will receive a Notice of Violation with fees applied, when his property had already been cleared. He asked if we are trying to make up the half a million dollars in administrative fees and placing it on the backs of the citizens.

Chief Willis provided comment.

At the hour of 5:53 p.m., Board Chair Mote closed the public hearing.

A question was asked if we were using the tax role information to obtain mailing addresses for the direct mailer to the community. Staff responded to questions from board members. Board members provided comment.

Action: Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Green, Herrick, Melnick, Putz, Rowe, Segovia, Walsh, Ziegler, Mote
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Russo
ABSTAIN:	None

NEW BUSINESS

BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

FA5. Consider Whether to Send Letter of Support for AB 557 (Allowing for Continued Streamlined Virtual Meetings Under the Brown Act in Qualifying States of Emergency)

Board consideration to approve a letter of support be submitted in support of AB557.

Speaker: Jeff Willis, Fire Chief

Chief Willis provided background regarding Assembly Bill 557 information coming from the California Special District Association. He mentioned this was given to the Board Chair, who suggested Staff bring to the full Board for discussion.

Staff responded to questions from board members. Board members provided comment.

Action: Motion by Director Melnick; seconded by Director Putz, to support the Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 557.

Action: Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Green, Herrick, Melnick, Putz, Rowe, Segovia, Walsh, Ziegler, Mote
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Russo
ABSTAIN:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DIRECTORS' CLOSING COMMENTS

Director Green stated he sent a letter to the County regarding the current road conditions along Big Bear Blvd from Paradise Way to Maple Ln. He mentioned the Blvd is so bad, a head on collision has already occurred.

Director Ziegler also mentioned the potholes on the Blvd in Big Bear City. He stated people are driving on the other side of the road and something needs to be done.

Director Mote stated today was the first day of Farmers Market, which is held every Tuesday moving forward. Mote also thanked the Chief for his partnership with the Economic Development Advisory Committee and for supporting the brochure that will be brought forward to the City Council Board tomorrow. It discusses weed abatement and has the Big Bear Fire Department logo on it.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: (Any member of the public is entitled to speak on Closed Session Agenda item. If you wish to address any other items listed on the Agenda, you must do so during Open Session.)

None

Board Chair Mote called for a recess at 6:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)

Title: Fire Chief

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

At the hour of 6:18, p.m., Board Chair Mote adjourned to Closed Session.

At the hour of 6:31, p.m., Board Chair Mote adjourned Closed Session.

At the hour of 6:32, p.m., Board Chair Mote re-opened Regular Session

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to come before the Fire Authority at this session, Board Chair Mote adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Chardelle Smith
Interim Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2023