

BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF JANUARY 23, 2019

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carol Collins at 8:31 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Matt Dodd, Deb Lewis, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer

Absent: Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief, and Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Battalion Chief Pruiett, Captain Loomis, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Kendziorski, Firefighter Kammann, Firefighter Bolton, President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Steve Johnson representing Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD), and Kevin Cooper and Loren Cantrell with Langlas & Associates.

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda

- Steve Johnson spoke on behalf of BSRAD regarding the draft bill to increase the resort tax by 1% which will be specifically allocated to infrastructure. The legislation itself will only enable this possibility it will not enact it. To enact it locally there needs to be a petition certified and voted on by the voters of the individual resort tax area. BSRAD is doing this in partnership with West Yellowstone and some other resort tax communities.

3. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of draft minutes of December 19, 2018 Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Reports for December 2018
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Check Register: Checks 6117408 – 6117467
- e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Alan McClain and Deb Lewis to approve the consent agenda items of January 23, 2019.** Passed Unanimously

4. Fire Chief’s Report - See the report in the board packet

5. New Business

a. College Reimbursement Policy Exception for Dustin Tetrault

- Chief Farhat asked for permission to allow Dustin Tetrault to begin being reimbursed for college tuition.

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Renae Schumacher and Deb Lewis to approve policy exception for college reimbursement for Dustin Tetrault.** Passed Unanimously

b. Sale of 2011 Air Cascade Trailer to Gallatin Gateway Fire District

- Chief Farhat stated that BSFD has not used the trailer since purchasing.

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Alan McClain and Matt Dodd to approve the sale of the 2011 Air Cascade Trailer to Gallatin Gateway Fire District.** Passed Unanimously

c. 2019-2020 Budget Discussion and Committee Appointment

- Alan McClain and Deb Lewis will be on the Budget Committee

d. Trustee Elections

- Deadline to file the original declaration for candidacy is February 11, 2019

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- e. Fire Chief Performance Review
 - Chief Farhat stated that Associated Employers offers performance review. Trustee McClain will contact Associated Employers to find out what they need to begin the process.
 - Alan McClain and Matt Dodd will be the Fire Chief Performance Review Committee.

6. Old Business

- a. Station 1 and 2 remodel projects update
 - Station 1 and Station 2 Change Estimate Logs are in the board packet.
 - Chief Farhat stated that the additional costs listed in the Change Estimate Logs is high there are other aspects of the overall BSFD budget the department is being as frugal as possible.
 - Kevin Cooper with Langlas & Associates stated that the change logs are current and there are no pending items at this time.
 - Loren Cantrell with Langlas & Associates stated that Chief Farhat has done an excellent job managing the costs of the two projects. He stated that remodels are always very difficult especially when a building is old and pieced together at separate times as Station 1 is.
- b. Station 1 and 2 Remodel Projects Loan Approval
 - Chief Farhat presented two loan options one being with Montana INTERCAP and the other being First Security Bank. Branch Manager Joe Miller at First Security Bank worked hard to bring their interest rate down from 6% to 4.25%, as well as, cutting their Origination Fee in half. Montana InterCap’s interest rate is 4.02% and there is no Origination Fee. The difference for the life of the loan is \$32,462.10 which equals \$2,164.14 annually.
 - The board agreed that best business practice is to go with the loan that will cost BSFD the lesser amount of money.
 - Motion Made and Seconded by Alan McClain and Renae Schumacher to finance \$1,863,591.37 with Montana INTERCAP with an interest rate of 4.02%, 15 year term, and zero dollar origination fee. Motion Failed
 - Amended Motion Made and Seconded by Renae Schumacher to finance \$1,864,000 with Montana INTERCAP with an interest rate of 4.02%, 15 year term, and zero dollar origination fee. Passed Unanimously
- c. Sensitivity Training Date
 - Training is scheduled for February 1, 2019 at 9:00am

7. Other Business

- a. 2019 Board Meeting Schedule
 - Due to the holidays the November meeting is rescheduled for November 20, 2019 and the December meeting is rescheduled for December 18, 2019.

8. Public Comment

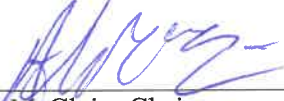
- President Foster spoke regarding the firefighter health initiative bill going before legislation pushing for presumptive health coverage. He has not seen the specifics, but he knows some issues they are pushing for coverage include cancer, heart issues, and PTSD. President Foster, Firefighter Mohr, and Firefighter Parker are going up to Helena in February for the MSFA Montana Leg Con.
- Firefighter Kenziorski thanked the BSFD and the construction crews for segregating the bedrooms project and the kitchen project for the health and well-being of the firefighters living through the project.

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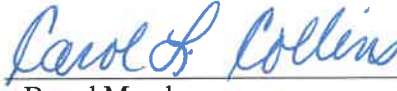
9. Date for next regular meeting – February 27, 2019 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 10:19 am

Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Board Member

cc: Board of Trustees
Fire Chief William Farhat
Local 4732
Gallatin County Board of Commissioners
Gallatin County Clerk & Records Office
Madison County Clerk & Records Office