

BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF June 26, 2019

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:33 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, and Deb Lewis; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Trustee Matt Dodd arrived at 8:47 am

Absent: Trustee Renae Schumacher

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Battalion Chief Sheil, Captain Hamel, Firefighter Ketschek, Firefighter DuComb, Firefighter Parker, Firefighter Lee

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda – None

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of May 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for May 2019

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6117708 – 6117756, including voided check 6117714

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis to approve the consent agenda items of June 26, 2019. Passed Unanimously**

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

- Chief Farhat stated that 78% of Hebgen Basin's district is federal land. Chief Farhat recently learned that the Department of the Interior on behalf of the USDA and Park Service gives \$800,000.00 to Gallatin County per year for services provided. The Hebgen Basin Fire Chief went to Gallatin County Commission asking if they would share some of the money they are given. The County Commission said no. Montana State Law states that if the county does not negotiate on your behalf you can negotiate for yourself. The Hebgen Basin Fire Chief is going to lobby the Department of the Interior to divert some of the funds to Hebgen Basin. Chief Farhat mentioned that once Hebgen Basin is done negotiating for money he will as some of the BSFD District is Forest Service land.

5. New Business

a. Recognition of B Shift for an Outstanding Performance during an Emergency Response

- BSFD B Shift responded to a cardiac arrest call at Lone Mountain Ranch (except for Firefighter Ketschek who was on another call). It was a very difficult call, not including the difficulties added by weather (a snowstorm) and location. Dr. Lowe recognized the great work done by B Shift as well (which resulted in saving a person's life) without knowing the additional complexities of the situation.

b. Training Captain Position Description Change Request

- Battalion Chief Pruiett proposed having the training officer work 24 hours on duty, 24 hours off duty, 24 hours on duty, 24 hours off duty, 24 hours on duty, and then 96 hours off duty. This allows the officer to work (and train) with all shifts including, staying on shift work, and being on shift to perform required night training.
- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis to approve the proposed Training Captain Position Description change request. Passed Unanimously**

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- c. Free Chipping Day Project Recap
- Deputy Chief Tetrault organized two days for property owners to sign up and have slash picked up and chipped at no cost. The chips were dumped at the rodeo grounds to use for walkways and other things.

6. Old Business

- a. Station 1 and 2 remodel projects update
- Station 2 is not done yet, but it is getting close.
 - Station 1 is further behind than Station 2, but moving forward.
- b. Master Plan Update
- The report will possibly be completed by July’s meeting and able to present at that time. Chief Farhat has not received an official request to present at the July meeting yet, but possibly.
- c. Chief Farhat’s Review Process Update
- Trustee McClain has contacted Bryan Peterson with Associated Employers and has a spreadsheet to complete. Trustee Collins also offered to help with the process.
- d. Spanish Peaks ODP – Madison County Review and Approval
- See the board packet for Chief Farhat’s full report and timeline regarding Spanish Peaks ODP.
 - Spanish Peaks still has not responded to the proposal letter that was sent to them in February. The extension they have expires in August, therefore, they should respond in July.
- e. Big Sky Resort Area District Appropriations Summary
- Big Sky Fire Department was funded in full. Chief Farhat stated he is concerned in regards to Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO) being bonded for HRDC

7. Other Business

- Montana has presumptive health coverage. Chief Farhat emailed a video which shows a large number of the cancers that may be related to the fire industry.

8. Public Comment - None

9. Date for next regular meeting – July 24, 2019 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:24 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