

BIG MOUNTAIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 8:01AM

ROLL CALL: Steve Snellen, Glenn Nye, Jay Johnston, Paul Silverman

GUEST: Myra Appel (CPA), John Howard (Payne West Insurance)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Snellen made a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes. Jay Johnston seconded it and it was passed with corrections.

INSURANCE PRESENTATION: John Howard with Payne West Insurance Services made a presentation on the BMFD's current insurance policies. There is \$1 million for liability and an additional \$1 million umbrella coverage. The firehouse is insured for \$508,000 and \$27,000 for personal property. The insurance is provided through Volunteer Fire Insurance Services, the largest insurance provider for fire departments.

FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Ben DeVall

- The airbags in the ambulance have been fixed.
- The new heart monitor received from the Mission Lifeline grant is here and in service. We are working on getting it set up so it can transmit information to the hospitals.
- Still no word on AFG grant.
- The BMFA will be sending out a letter asking for donations shortly.
- Brodie got \$5,000 towards the purchase of a Ferno Power cot from the Flathead Electric Roundup for Safety program and the BMFA will pay the remaining \$7,500.
- \$960 was received from a DNRC grant. A portable water pump will be purchased with the grant funds.
- Carol Daily with the Flathead Economic Development Council has been contacted by Paul Okerberg about matching funds for fuel mitigation work.
- Doug Yeager and Chief DeVall have been in contact about where the heavy equipment is on the hill if needed.
- Fire danger is very high with a 97% ignition rate. Forecasters are expecting the season to last between 6-8 weeks. Resources are very scarce throughout the County.
- Chief DeVall was asked to be the PSC at the Reynolds Creek fire when the Type 1 left.

- Chief Devall also worked as PSC for DNRC on several area fires and initial attack efforts on new fires.
- BMFD was placed on standby status in case Essex was evacuated. If called, BMFD staff would have provided structural fire protection with Engine 2032.
- Chief Devall has been working on some additions that need to be added to the Policy and Procedure Manual. Two veteran firefighters have been contacted to review the current manual to see if there are areas missing or needing corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hopefully the new fiscal year budget will be available for the next Board meeting in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Paul Okerberg to move \$10,000 to the Capital Improvement account and was seconded by Jay Johnston. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Glenn Nye to change the name of the Employee Manual to the Employee Contract; the motion did not pass.

NEW BUSINESS: Employee overtime procedure is to be reviewed.

A vote on FURS and longevity increases to be proposed and decided by employees.

A motion will be proposed for retaining an attorney to review the employee manual with respect to a proposed agreement with the union. Chief Devall will contact a couple of attorneys with experience in and recommended to perform a review.

CHECK SIGNING:

Jay Johnston and Paul Silverman to work out check signing schedule.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for October 7, 2015 at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNED: 10:17 AM