

Blankenship Volunteer Fire Department

April 2016

Attendance: Neil Baumann, Dan Diamond, Jodie Smith, Joy Harrell and Ed Burlingame

Meeting was called to order.

Treasurer Report: Dan presented the monthly bills. We have \$37,538.06 in account 7219 and \$24,403 in account 7246. Joy made a motion to accept the treasurers report and to pay the monthly bills.. Jodie seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and all agreed to move \$15,000.00 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Account.

Secretary Report. March minutes were read and approved. Joy gave a report on how to change the signers on the checking account. She created a document that will be sent to the County Treasurers Office with a list of qualified signers. The document was presented and all signed (a copy is enclosed).

Ed's Notes: Ed presented his notes (a copy of which is enclosed).

New Business: Ed presented a proposed yearly budget, using the past 2 years expenses as a template. Ed also submitted an application to the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program. There is a 10% match on the grant to purchase items for wild land fire fighting. These items are P.P.O. gear, equipment and training.

We did receive the Round Up For Safety Grant for the purchase of a new Thermal Imager.

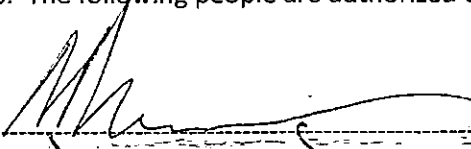
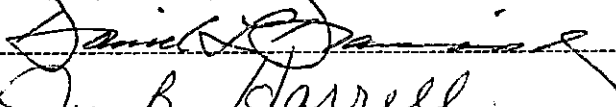
Ed will check on the availability of free gravel (millings) to do additional work of the parking lot.

Old Business: We have set the date of May 7 as Clean the Fork Day. Joy will call Thea Roach to see if Glacier Bank will donate trash bags. Ed Burlingame will take care of getting gloves.

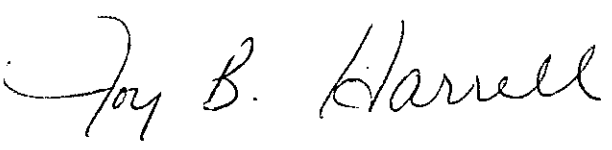
Meeting was adjourned.

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We would like to up date the signers on our checking accounts. This would be the accounts ending in the numbers 7219 and 7246. The following people are authorized to sign check on these accounts.

Chairman of the Board	
Treasurer	
Secretary	Joy B. Harrell
Board Member	Jodi D. Smith

Thank You,



Joy B. Harrell, Secretary



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Ed's Notes April 2016

Chief's Activity

- Chaired the Flathead County Radio Users Group meeting.
- Attended 3 MT IMT Workshop Planning Committee meetings.
- Attended the 2016 NW Zone IMT Workshop (FNF, GNP, DNRC). (2 days)
- Met with Round Up for Safety representative to examine the FLIR TIC project.

Incidents

- March 22 – EMS, Rabe Rd
- March 29 – EMS, Rabe Rd
- March 31 – EMS, Rabe Rd
- April 7 – EMS, Blankenship Rd
- April 9 – MVA, Blankenship Rd

Apparatus & Equipment Status

All apparatus is in good repair. All three rigs will receive Preventive Maintenance on May 2nd. RES will come to the station to perform the work.

Training

The fire firefighters have completed 430 total hours of training to date. All have completed the Wildfire RT-130 refresher in preparation for the wildfire season.

Grants

Round Up for Safety - The application to Round Up for Safety for \$800.00 out of \$1395.00 was awarded for the acquisition of a FLIR K2 thermal imaging camera (Infrared camera). The imager has been acquired and is in place on 1831. Training will be conducted this month.

Flathead 911 Foundation – The application to the Flathead 911 Foundation for \$741.00 out of \$1401.00 was awarded to support the acquisition of a RAEII 4 gas meter for 1831. The meter has been received and training conducted. It is now in place on 1831.

EMS

No county activity.

Expenses**Credit Card**

Date	Cost	Category	Vendor	Item
3/31/2016	\$42.00	WF-PPE	Mahugh	True North radio Chest Harness (2016 VFA)
4/1/2016	\$188.00	WF-PPE	Mahugh	Boot co-pay (Kevin Devine)

Credit Account

Date	Cost	Category	Vendor	Item
3/10/2016	\$1,401.00	Equipment	Mahugh	QRAEII Gas Meter (Flathead 911 Foundation)
3/30/2016	\$1,363.25	Equipment	Mahugh	FLIR K2 imager (FEC Roundup for Safety)
4/5/2016	\$12.99	Building	WBC	Surge protector for Meter, radio, FLIR bat chargers
4/5/2016	\$245.00	Communications	Big Fork Fire	Kenwood TK-2312 portable radio

WEX Fuel

Date	Unit	Fuel	Gallons	Cost	Reason
3/31/2016	1881	Gas	5.3	\$13.31	Refill 1881 after Incs #4 & 5
4/7/2016	1831	Diesel	4.7	\$9.76	Top off fuel

Fuel cost after tax removal: **\$16.74****Reimbursement**

Date	Cost	Category	Vendor	Reason
3/14/2016	\$15.00	EMS	NREMT	NREMT Registration renewal (Clancy)
2/26/2016	\$50.00	EMS	MT	EMT license renewal (Clancy)