

Blankenship Rural Fire District
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

In Attendance:

- Board Members: Doug Davidson, Dan Diamond, Katy Dolesh, Joy Harrell and Jodi Smith
- Fire Chief: Terry Wiegand

Absent:

Secretary's Report:

Jodi had emailed the March 10, 2022 minutes to the Board.

Katy made a motion, with a second by Dan, to accept the minutes with the cited edits. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30)

Katy emailed the Treasurer's report prior to our meeting.

She also said we did receive our quarterly entitlement check and that the updated balances arrived today.

Our ending budget balances are -

- Operating Account 7219: \$22,985.84 with deposits
- Capital Account 7246: \$17,247.87

Dan made a motion, with a second by Jodi, to accept the report and pay the bills. The motion passed.

Chief's Report: Terry elaborated on his Fire Chief's notes and fielded Board questions.

Old Business:

- **Ed Burlingame Injury Status** - Ed has been cleared for service!
- **Friends of the Flathead River update** - Dan provided an update on that group. Their lawyers are working on filing a complaint for a preliminary injunction, pending a hearing. A concern for the fire department is not having adequate emergency access to the gravel bar.
- **Firefighter Appreciation Night BBQ - Thursday, June 23** at the Fire Hall. We'll invite the firefighters and their families and any friends they'd like to specifically invite. We will also offer equipment demonstrations.

On Our Radar:

- **Green Residence Number Signs, Newsletter and/or Fundraiser** - Wait for the Friends of the Flathead River actions to not bring multiple issues to our residents at once.
- **Saturday, Sept 24** - Marathon on the North Fork (Logan Health)

New Business:

- **Flathead County Grant** - Terry applied for this annual funding which is about \$1,200 with a 10% match. He proposed we pursue this to purchase a new chainsaw and chainsaw chaps. The Board agreed.
- **Clean the Fork now Clean the Ship - Scheduled for May 14.** Since all sections of the North Fork have been claimed by Adopt a Highway organizations, we will focus on Blankenship and the Fire Hall grounds.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Smith, Secretary