

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. 10:00 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Kun, Allen Zimmerman, Tom Arnone, Greg Phillips, Chief Gary Mahugh, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Myron Mast

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Greg seconded. Last month's agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

**Facilities Update**

We're keeping the grasses mowed down at all of the stations. We're planting over the lift station at Lake Blaine. Mountain Brook is still waiting to have the interior of the station painted.

**Apparatus update**

Engine 2535 has a water gauge level indicator that needs to be repaired. We're looking for those parts. Engine 2587 had some electrical issues that have been corrected now. Command vehicle 2561 has been repaired. Les Schwab will be repairing a tire on Engine 3. Engine 7 continues to have some intermittent light issues.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

There's still construction and paving on Highway 35, which is being done mostly at night.

As you may have seen recently in the newspaper, Evergreen Fire has been having some social media issues. Evergreen's Trustees are now looking at their policies. At CFD, tomorrow night we're providing our Social Media and HIPAA training to the second half of our membership. We also discussed our Social Media policy at our business meeting last week. As we make decisions about what pictures can be posted, we will document those decisions as guidelines. Trustees reviewed our existing Social Media policy that they previously approved and recommended we continue using this policy as written.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 15 calls in June. Of those calls, 4 were fire calls and 11 were EMS calls. We have had a total of 116 responses between January 1 and June 30, 2018. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

We're at the end of the second half of our training year for member reimbursement.

Sheldon Wickersham, who was out on medical leave for the past several months, has been released to return to response mode.

**Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update**

The Association will have their picnic on August 9, 6pm at the Creston Station. Trustees discussed thinking about a membership dinner this coming winter. Bob will talk to Vista Linda about the possibility of catering this dinner.

**Old Business:**

Gary discussed with Trustees the FY 2019 Budget Proposal, both for Maintenance and Operations as well as Capital Outlay Projections. In FY 2019 Capital Improvement projections, there's \$100,000 included for SCBA upgrades and \$100,000 toward new station replacement. Greg made a motion to accept the FY 2019 Budget Proposal as presented. Tom seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to approve the FY 2019 Budget Proposal and provide it to the County by July 27.

**New Business:**

Gary discussed Mahugh Fire's potential conflict of interest statement and will provide a written document to the Trustees. Louise will also provide a potential conflict of interest statement for Health Consulting Resources.

There was no other new business to discuss.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports for June were available. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$46,175.67. After review, Allen made a motion to pay these invoices as submitted and Greg seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8857-8899 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The June 2018 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of June and early July invoices is \$203,136.92. The June 2018 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$129,332.64.

**Good of the Order:** Gary attended the MT Fire Alliance meeting in Helena last weekend.

Gary suggested that we might consider having a fund raiser for the new station. A fund raiser would serve to raise awareness of Creston Fire in our community. John Krause passed away a few days ago.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk