

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:00 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Tom Arnone, Vice Chairman.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert Kun

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Greg made a motion to approve the agenda. Allen seconded. The meeting agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**FACILITIES:**

Posts have been put in around the septic area at Lake Blaine. In the next couple of months, we'll be arranging for snowplowing at all stations.

**APPARATUS UPDATE:**

Engine 6 was taken to some of the mutual aid calls this summer. It has a leaking pump shaft that will need to be repaired this fall/winter. Engine 4 has a pump control issue and primer issue. That engine will be going to Missoula for repair.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Creston School Board approved the Wifi tower with Montana Sky; but is now on hold since there have been a few lawsuits filed.

As reported in today's newspaper, the Smith Valley levy failed.

In August we had 38 calls, 15 of which were fire calls and 23 were medical calls. Gary discussed some of those calls with the Trustees. On August 12, we responded with Engine 6 to the Howe Ridge fire near Lake MacDonald in Glacier Park. We also sent an Engine to the Moose Creek Fire for which the District will be reimbursed.

We had our 911 tribute last Tuesday. About 20 of our members participated.

On Monday prior to 911, The Daily Interlake featured the Mallery brothers as members of Creston Fire. The week prior to that article appearing, one of the feature editors contacted River about doing an article. River talked with Gary about the article and Gary told River he didn't think that it was a good idea. After the article appeared, Gary told River that he wasn't pleased about that article being published.

Last week we received a re-application for membership from Jamie Meyer along with signed paperwork authorizing a background check and a copy of her current driver's license. Trustees agreed that the re-

application process be followed with Jamie. We have been contacted by Shane Manley and should be receiving a new member application from him shortly. Tyler Tappenbach has also turned in an application. Laurel Mallery has decided to no longer be an active member and has turned in her gear. Sara Coonce and Kevin Kilmurray have resigned as members of Creston Fire.

Gary attended Bigfork Fire's fundraiser last week. That fundraiser is 100% sponsored by the community.

Mike York just went through a FFI Course at the academy in Great Falls. Gary said that Mike will begin assisting with some of the FFI training for our members.

The Montana State Fire Chief's meeting will be held in October.

A Montana Mutual Aid meeting will be coming up the first weekend of November.

**ASSOCIATION:**

The Fall newsletter will be sent out about October 10. Our Soup for Supper fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, October 16.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gary is working with a person from Smart Lam to get some new station ideas.

A few months ago, cyanokits were purchased. One kit has already been provided to Kalispell Fire Dept. and currently Gary has the other two kits. Both Bigfork and Evergreen Ambulances need to provide training before their members can use the other cyanokits that Creston Fire is gifting to them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fire Prevention week is coming up the week of October 9. Supplies have been ordered to be given to school kids that week. The fire prevention training provided to kids in our district's elementary schools is also part of the State's Pediatric Readiness program.

Bill discussed the use of Narcan and said that our EMT's and FF's will be trained to use Narcan. Once we meet those training requirements, the State has a program whereby we can order/receive Narcan free of charge.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports were available for July and August. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$7,252.20. After review, Myron 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 #8915-8931 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The August 2018 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of August and early September invoices is \$200,229.41. The August 2018 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$129,525.48. SCBA's need to be replaced this year. In October Gary will be meeting with a Scott representative regarding SCBA's. At our November meeting, Gary will bring to the Trustee's meeting a dollar estimate for purchase of new SCBA's.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Trustees signed a card that will be sent to Bob.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk