

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2018 10:00 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Myron Mast

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

FACILITIES:

The heater at Fairmont Station failed and has now been replaced. At the Lake Blaine station, there is a water issue where a pipe has been leaking. The plumbing leak should be fixed by tomorrow.

APPARATUS UPDATE:

Engine 2534 has passed the pump test. Engine 2528 has some brake issues that are being fixed.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Last night we visited the Montana Artesian water company to assess access for fire and medical calls and toured plant facilities. After that tour, we had Hypothermia training.

Gary participated in two fire investigations this last week.

Gary went to a Montana Fire Service meeting a couple weeks ago where they discussed legislation and Firefighter I training. We're hoping that there will be an increase in funding for fire service training in 2019.

In November we had 29 calls, 11 of which were fire calls and 18 were medical calls. Through November, we have been dispatched to 250 calls. Gary discussed some of those calls with the Trustees. There were no new members this last month. We continue to recruit for new members.

ASSOCIATION: A draft of updated Association bylaws was presented at the last business meeting. The Association approved those bylaws. Association members are starting work on Auction 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

We received our new SCBA's a couple weeks ago. We will be training on them before putting them into service. SCBA's are most important for personal safety. The old SCBA's cannot be used because DOT requires that old SCBA's be taken out of service. Old regulators and face pieces may be used.

The Association identified a building coordination committee that will begin meeting regarding new station plans.

The member appreciation dinner is currently scheduled for January 10. Even though there are 3 of the people signed up that night to attend DNRC Wildland Fire training, we recommend going ahead with holding the dinner that evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

In 2019 there will be a Trustee election for Allen Zimmerman's position. Filing closes Feb 11.

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: County financial reports were available for November and have been reconciled with QuickBooks. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$162,696.96. After review, Greg made a motion to pay these invoices as submitted and Tom seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8968-8986 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The November 2018 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of November and early December invoices is \$219,496.16. The November 2018 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$30,082.49.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Pat Vogel will be having knee replacement surgery on January 14. Vern Stewart passed away and his funeral was on Wednesday this week.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk