

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:00 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Arnone

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Gary was the recipient of the Clyde Smith award in 2019.

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

**FACILITIES:**

Gary is getting a couple more bids for having siding put on at Lake Blaine. It's likely that we will have the siding put on next fiscal year. The main station needs some TLC such as flashing, fascia, etc.

**APPARATUS UPDATE:**

At the last Association business meeting, the Captains didn't report any apparatus issues. We're still waiting to get all of our apparatus service done this year. Pump testing will be coming up.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Gary is continuing to meet with contractors related to fire water sources in the Country Side subdivision near Four Seasons Nursery and Whispering Pines subdivision off of Mennonite Church Rd. Country Side will have 2 hydrants and Whispering Pines will have a tank and pump installed.

The Era of Mega Fires was held at the Bigfork Playhouse on April 30. CFD had 18 people there. Bigfork Fire, Creston Fire, Ferndale Fire and Swan Lake sponsored this community program.

There is a proposed wedding/party venue on El Rancho Road. Gary's concern is traffic along that road, signage and dust issues particularly in the summer. If events are held frequently at that location, there could be some safety issues as well.

Bill provided an EMS Advisory Committee update regarding the Drafted Infrastructure Plan. We will be reviewing the drafted plan and provide input back to the Committee. The EMS Director needs to have accountability for their duties. The County doesn't have authority to audit Departments other than for the purpose of implementing protocols. Gary will be in contact with Rick Sacca who is overseeing the EMS Agency in the interim.

In early May, Gary spoke to a group of high school students about leadership, volunteerism and Creston Fire. Gary also talked about team work and passion for the job. Gary expressed his appreciation for being the recipient of the Clyde Smith award and that truly it's Creston Fire that has given him the opportunity to excel as a leader.

We have been working on the Department Bylaws. There's Association, Department and District Bylaws. Creston Fire Department is the tactical group. Fire Fighters don't vote on the Department bylaws but rather it's an approval by the Trustees. A drafted Bylaw copy was provided to the Trustees for their review and vote on these Bylaws at the next meeting. We would like to have these Bylaws go into effect July 1, 2019.

In April, we were dispatched to 23 calls, 8 of which were fire calls and 15 were medical calls. Gary discussed some of the calls with the Trustees. We're still short on day-time responders.

This coming Sunday, there will be a "debriefing" of sorts which is really a gathering for people involved at the deck collapse in Lakeside a couple years ago.

Gary will be meeting with DNRC to sign up our members for Wildland Fire response.

There is a Hops processing plant being proposed on Holt Stage.

**ASSOCIATION:** There are some auction numbers on the white board for income, commissions and expenses. Invoices are still being received and financials are being reviewed. Friends of Creston Fire are outside community people that support Creston Fire. That group is planning another event this summer at the Lake Blaine Grill. It hasn't been decided yet what that event will be.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gary has continued meeting with people regarding the new station.

Gary is working with Louise on FY 2020 budget. Gary has asked officers for their budget needs.

Maps of GIS Audit results were provided to the Trustees.

We're nearing completion of the CFD website update. Updated software is being used and servers will be changed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports were available for April and have been reconciled with QuickBooks. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$7,820.44. After review, Greg made a motion to pay these invoices as submitted and Allen seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #9072-9088 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The April 2019 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of April and May invoices to date is \$233,045.21. The April 2019 Capital Improvement Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$30,344.16.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Myron reported that Dale Sonsteli was back on his feet Sunday after his fall at the grain bin.

The next Trustee's meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Bob suggested we have lunch for the next meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk