

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 9/24/2015. Board Chair Larry Brower called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Vargie Williams, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast was present. Public was represented by Dayrl Smail and Tina Miller.

On M/S/C (Williams), consented to the agenda as presented.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 8/27/2015. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Brower), approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment [Attachment #2].

Treasurer's Report:

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 67,898.21 cash on hand at the end of August and Claims of \$ 11,971.72. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 48,456.82 and are at 23% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,830.91. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Devine), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 19 calls since last meeting. 11 medical, 4 fire related and 3 were other. We have had 151 calls so far this year. Personal: Recommended a better Cadet Program. John Leach attended EMS training. Did a training session with Alert and a walk through at the Marion School. 1131 has issues with the pump, 1193 repairs are not completed. 1181 needs the cab detailed after a busy fire season. We did a walkthrough of the Marion School and had recommendations for improving safety. October 9th is a fire prevention event at the School.

On M/S/C (Brower) Authorized purchase of (4) AED batteries for \$ 1,280.00.

Ashley Lake Status:

No changes from previous reports.

Action Items:

Discussion ensued about the benefits of hiring a full time chief or two (2) EMT/Firefighters to solve the weekday staffing problems. Discussion ensued about the number of ALS transfers to BLS transfers. Katie will provide the call information to the board before the next meeting. The consensus was to do more research and make a final decision at the next board meeting.

Special Discussion:

Final FY 16 budget has been received and is only slightly less than our request.

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on October 29, 2015.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Brower) to adjourn at 8:22

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: October 29, 2015

Attest: _____

Larry L. Brower, Chair

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- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
 - Please, call (406) 854-2828, if you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting.
 - Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website www.marionfd.org, and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT.