

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 23, 2015

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 12/23/2015. Board Chair Larry Brower called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Vargie Williams, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast, Jason Hill, Puggy Pugh and Dave Berglund were present from the department. The public was not represented.

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 11/19/2015. [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 \$ 131,638.28 cash on hand at the end of November and claims of \$ 9,013.33. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 126,414.32 and are at 35% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,918.27. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Williams), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 18 calls since last meeting. 4 medical, 2 fire related, 9 MVA and 3 were other. We have had 205 calls so far this year. Personal: Members were presented their coats and were very grateful. Training has been concentrated on MVA's and the hazards that go with them. Four members signed up for the Fire Academy starting 1st of march. Issues with 1131 have been addressed, 1121 is back in service and 1193 still has a water leak. Community dinner on December 12th went well and was well received. Applications for various grants have been submitted.

Ashley Lake Status:

We will take up the takeover of the building at our next regular meeting.

Action Items:

We received applications from Katie Mast and Brian Carter for the EMT/Firefighter position. Discussion ensued and it was decided to hold interviews next week and a special meeting ASAP to determine hiring, wages and conditions of employment.

On M/S/C (Williams) Voted to hire the two EMT/FF applicants.

Officer elections were held. The following Trustees were elected, Vargie Williams, Chairman; Joyce Ratka, Vice-Chairman; John Devine, Secretary/Treasurer.

Special Discussion:

The security system and door locks will be addressed at a future meeting. Application for our CMS billing is being submitted. Meals and cost of the Annual Appreciation Dinner was discussed.

Announcements:

Set date for a Special Meeting on January 6, 2016 for hiring of personal.

Set the next regular meeting to be on January 28, 2016.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Williams) to adjourn at 7:22

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: January 28, 2016

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.