

## Marion Fire District

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – July 27, 2017

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, July 27, 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Kelly Ritterbush and Dick Ramos. John Devine, Treasurer present. Ruth Skaggs unexcused absence. Aarron Jones was present from the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower, Gary Ritterbush, and Spencer Hale.

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

On M/S/C (Ramos, Ratka), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting June 28, 2017, Special meeting July 12, 2017, emergency meeting July 19, 2017

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

#### Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak will give their name, address, and will have 3 minutes to speak.

Lily Brower asked if the auxiliary could plant a tree on the edge of the lawn in memory of Sandy. Aarron Jones brought up concerns on the placement of the tree, as it would be near the fence and above cistern tanks. Discussion on an alternative places to plant was discussed. If planted, an arborist has said they would care for the tree.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 116,972.75 cash on hand at the end of June and claims of \$29,018.22. We presently have a cash balance of \$80,338.11 and are at 100% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 50,589.59. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (ritterbush), approved Treasurer's report.

#### Chief's Report:

Listened to Aarron Jones provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4]

#### Total Calls to Date: 131

Up 35 from last year this date, 42 calls since last meeting. 11 Medical (9 Marion patient transports-1 Alert transport, 1 pt refusal), 7 MVA Non Injuries, 10 Wildland Fires, 1 Burn pile/Recreational Burn, 5 Smoke Investigation, 5 Tender Assignment, 3 Automatic Fire Alarms/CO Exposure. The personnel keep doing a fantastic job of helping out around the station and training. A major hats off to everyone for stepping up through this busy fire season, not only in helping to staff the water tenders and working all hours of the day to initial attack the smaller fires in the service area, but also for the many volunteers who stepped up and offered help around the station. I am continually amazed by their great hearts and endless sacrifices. 2 of the EMRs have passed all their testing and are in the process of acquiring their licenses. The other 2 still need to pass their written national testing in Missoula. Water Tender 1191 needs new rear springs and front slack adjusters. The quote for all of it is \$2,379.66. Sean wants me to take this tender out of service until the front slack adjusters are repaired. The Ashley Lake pancake breakfast was a huge success. We had a turnout of approx 120 people. It was a good PR event. Additionally, we had fun at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and got good reviews from the community. So far, the invoices from the 2 tender assignments that will be paid by the Incident Management team that was here for the Rogers Mountain Complex come to \$3979.00 and \$9635.08 to a total of \$13,614.08. This includes \$203.08 for fuel. Also, tender 1192 worked for 4 days for the local DNRC as well as a few hrs here and there for the engines. The fire team gave us 3 pallets of water and 1 pallet of Gatorade as part of a thank you. We ended up returning the pallet of water that Mike and Vargie had so kindly picked up for us. Moving towards ALS in the next fiscal year, Drug Licensure \$750.00, Medications \$650.00, Advanced Airway tool \$890.00, IO Drill \$1200.00, 4 Narcotic Lock Boxes (Station & 3 ambulances) \$800.00.

The fill site at Little Bitterroot is plugged and non-functional at this time, volunteers have been working to get it cleared. Kelly Ritterbush noted that the no parking signs are gone at the fill site and has noticed trucks and boat trailers blocking access.

#### Action Items:

- A. Fiscal year 2018 Budget- Budget was approved and submitted to the county.
- B. Regular Meeting time change- A change in the regular meeting time was discussed and agreed that 5:00pm on the last Thursday of the month would work.
- C. Emergency Actions

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- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
  - If you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting, please submit a written request.
  - 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](http://www.marionfd.org), and its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT](https://www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT).

**Special Discussion:**

- A. Ashley Lake Building Acceptance Progress- Commissioners have told Vargie, it is all done, though, the documents have not been received by us yet.
- B. Progress on Pintler work on Medicaid application. No update.
- C. Public Request for information -  
Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, Chiefs report, and the warrants. Received on July 27, 2017

Discussion on the paving of the station and the bids was tabled until the next meeting.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on August 31, 2017 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

adjourn at 7:55 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vargie Williams, Chair