

## Marion Fire District

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – November 30, 2017**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, November 30, 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Kelly Ritterbush, Ruth Skaggs, and Dick Ramos. John Devine, Treasure. Chief Mast was present for the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower and Chris Sampley.

On M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos), consented to the agenda

On M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting October 26, 2017.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush, Skaggs), 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.**

No public comment

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Listened to John Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$52,491.53 cash on hand at the end of October and claims of \$13,707.47. We presently have a cash balance of \$64,103.74 and are at 34% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,755.66. Both accounts reconciled with the county.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ratka), approved Treasurer's report.

#### **Chief's Report:**

**Total Calls to Date: 251**, Up 56 from last year this date, 37 calls since last meeting on October 26, 2017

11 Medical-7 BLS, 4 ALS (7 Marion patient transports -2 with Smith Valley medic), 2 ALERT transports, 2 pt refusal), 1 MVA ALS (1 Marion transport, 1 ALERT, 2 Smith Valley), 11 MVA Non Injuries, 10 Wildland Fires/smoke investigation, 1 Vehicle fire, 1 Automatic Fire Alarms, 1 Tree Down, 1 Misdispatch.

**Personnel:** All personnel are licensed now, including Eric who moved here as a paramedic from CA, and Toby who moved here as an EMT from Spokane and Sandpoint.

**Training:** We are on our last leg of the EMT class. This is our last week of class. They will be doing their practical testing on December 16<sup>th</sup> with the college and county classes.

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:** All 3 of the ambulances passed their inspections with flying colors. The only thing needed is to replace the blue light bar on 1123 with red. 1161 will be needing rear brakes.

**Upcoming Costs:** We need a new station laptop. The older one tablet we have has many issues, such as you can't use training discs, everything needs to be on a thumb drive. We have no luck with any type of live streaming i.e. the hospital has a live program for county case reviews for the remote agencies so we don't need to be present at the hospital and struggle for district coverage. I purchased a total of 13 new Carhart coats for all members.

**Additional Discussion:** Grants \$12,000 to Montana Wildfire Relief fund for wildland equipment

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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).

**Action Items:**

- A. ALS Certification- No Update
- B. Culligan Water Treatment- the cartridge system Dick was looking into will not work with wells. Additional information from Rocky Mountain Plumbing and Advantage Water Conditioning is being looked into. Dick will get a water sample and take it to be analyzed, cost should be \$15.00.
- C. Policy's- Chief Mast will work on a collection agency policy
- D. Appreciation Dinner- January 19, 2018 6:pm. No alcohol will be allowed.
- E. Collection Agency- On M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ramos) Centron Services INC. was evaluated and was accepted as the collection agency the district will be using.
- F. Storage building purchase/construction- The fire dept. needs additional storage. Chief Mast presented 3 bids for a 12x16 unit.  
To build it our self- Approximately \$4212.32  
On M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos)- Coffman Builders - \$4025.00 w/ 7 foot walls, delivered (approved for purchase) or \$3950.00 delivered.  
Miller Barns- \$3615.00 Delivered
- G. Patient Care Reporting system- On M/S/C (Ritterbush, Skaggs) Chief Mast can switch to a new system before 1/1/18. The free system we currently use will not be available after 12/30/17, the new free system does not seem to be much better than the current one. Emergency Reporting has a product that will be a much easier system to use and will allow required reports to be easily compiled.
- H. Emergency Actions

**Special Discussion:**

- A. Progress on Pintler work on Medicaid application. – Medicaid application is done, we will be able to go back 1 year and bill any Medicaid outstanding, approximately \$15,000.00
- B. Public Request for information -  
Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, Chiefs report, and the warrants. Received on November 30, 2017

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on December 28, 2017 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

Adjourn at 6:05 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

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