

## Marion Fire District

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – January 25, 2018**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, January 25, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Ruth Skaggs, and Dick Ramos. John Devine, Treasure. Excused Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Mast was present for the department. The public was represented by Chris Sample.

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

On M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting December 28, 2017.

On M/S/C (Ratka, 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.

None

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

Listened to John Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$143,715.12 cash on hand at the end of December and claims of \$41,292.30. We presently have a cash balance of \$86,198.01 and are at 60% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,846.59. Both accounts reconciled.

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

**Total Calls to Date:** 9 Medical- (5 Marion patient transports), 2 MVA Non Injuries, 1 Automatic Fire Alarms, 1 Car Fire.

**Personnel:** No new personnel.

**Training:** The latest EMT students are in various stages of completion. 3 of the 6 have their licenses now. 2 are waiting on licenses and the last person is scheduled to test on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. & people were newly certified on ice rescue this past Sunday, as well as refresher of the rest of us. Marsha and Mike Lyles took their basic wildland classes last week. Mike W, Tiffany, and Kyle are taking the advanced wildland firefighter classes this week. We are planning to start the in house firefighter academy on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be Friday nights and all day Saturday for a total of 9 weeks, with an estimated completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:** 1161 had brakes replaced. Nothing else noted.

**Up Coming Costs:** Purchase of engine \$26,000.00, \$5,500.00 for transport (estimated), \$2,650.00 for the 3 repairs that need to be done.

**Community Events:** Nothing quite on the horizon. Continue to do good work and be proactive.

**Additional Discussion:** We received a grant from the Montana Wildfire Relief Fund for \$8,000.00. This is earmarked for wildland personal protective equipment.

#### **Action Items:**

A. ALS Certification- Waiting on drug license to be approved.

B. Culligan Water Treatment- Reports received back for water testing. Advantage Water, water softener would not be recommended, due to the low water use. They do recommend an iron filter at both stations. A lease option would be \$32.00 per month for each station, purchase price would be \$1536.00 + \$200.00 install, per station (total \$3472.00)

C. Pintler/Collection Accounts- Nothing this month

D. 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. Public Request for information – Lily Brower emailed request

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on February 22, 2018 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

Adjourn at 5:37 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

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