

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – February 22, 2018

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, February 22, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 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.

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

On M/S/C (Ratka, Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting January 25 2018 with the correction of dates, and February 7, 2018 special meeting minute.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ratka), 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.

Public present: Gary Webster, Eric Osterberg, Lily Brower, Matt Sampley, and Chris Sampley

No Public comments

Treasurer's Report:

Listened to John Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$92,946.52 cash on hand at the end of January and claims of \$60,670.30. We presently have a cash balance of \$43,733.30 and are at 75% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,897.29. Both accounts reconciled. M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ramos)

Chief's Report:

Total Calls to Date: 23 14 calls since last meeting Medical 4- (3Marion patient transports,1 non transport), 4 MVA Non Injuries, 1 Traffic, 2 Automatic Fire Alarms, 2 structure Fires, 1 indoor smoke investigation.

Personnel: No new personnel.

Training: 5 of the EMT's that took the last class have their licenses. 2 are still testing and waiting on licenses. Spencer attended the Advanced Wildland firefighter course at Badrock last week. Matt Sampley was scheduled to attend, but was the engineer for the Jolly Hills Storage Unit fire and was unable to attend. We are planning to start the in-house firefighter academy tomorrow, February 23rd. This will be Friday nights and all day Saturday for a total of 9 weeks, with an estimated completion of the 3rd weekend in May.

Equipment Maintenance and Updates: Equipment is looking good overall.

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: The 3rd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st from 9-11 am. The auxiliary approached us about helping with a rubber duck race on the 4th of July, combined with the parade and other events.

Additional Discussion: We received a grant from the Montana Wildfire Relief Fund for \$8,000.00, an order has been placed and the check is here already. This is earmarked for wildland personal protective equipment. The grant from Flathead Electric Round up for Safety requires that we order our items and turn in invoices. They will then send a check for \$6,000.00

Action Items:

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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, and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT.

A. ALS Certification- Medication license has been procured. Paramedic, Eric Osterburg discussed the costs anticipated:

License \$731.00

Thomas Lock Box with power and internal battery \$1,100.00

Safe for 1123 \$85.00

2 Black Pelican Medication cases \$35.17

2 Thomas Medication Bags \$180.00

2 Conterra Airway Bags \$145.98

Medications \$1,187.41

Airway Supplies \$538.97

Total \$4,003.53

Policies are being written and security camera is already in place. We need to change the locking mechanism on that door to a key pad lock approx. \$475.00 M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ramos) for \$5,000.00 to be spent.

B. Culligan Water Treatment-Advantage Water bid and information received, Ruth did not receive the estimate for Petty Johns yet.

C. Pintler/Collection Accounts- 1 account that the patient requested to be transported to the hospital instead of being taken into custody of the Sheriffs. Medicaid denied payment due to not meeting medical necessity, patient wants us to bill Sheriff's office, but Sheriff's office did not request the transport. M/S/C (Ratka, Ritterbush) to send to collections at 90 days

D. Radios Ritterbush expressed a need to add radios, but with all of the expenses we have had, wont purchase until money from California and the grants comes in. We have requested a list and prices for new radios, battery's and other scene safety equipment from Chief Mast.

D. Emergency Actions –

Special Discussion:

A. Public Request for information – Lily Brower paid and was provided on February 22, 2018

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on March 29, 2018 5:00 pm

Adjournment:

Adjourn at 6:18 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair