

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – July 26, 2018

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, July 26, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Ruth Skaggs, Dick Ramos, and John Devine, Treasure. Chief Mast was present for the department.

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on June 28, 2018

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment

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

Public present: Chris Sampley – Marion Community resident expressed appreciation regarding the Chief's presentation on the Levy Increase (action item for this meeting).

Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report- cash balance as of 7/26 is \$95,155.41, Capital Improvement balance is \$10,970.37

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) review and approval of Treasurer's Report

Chief's Report:

Total Calls to Date: 104

Same as last year this date

21 calls since last meeting on June 28, 2018

- 14 Medical- (5 Marion patient transport, 2 Alert transport, 7 Non Transports)
- 2 Wildland fires
- 2 Mis-Dispatches
- 2 Auto Fire Alarm
- 1 Smoke Investigation

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Training:

July 3 Free

July 10 Business Meeting

July 12 Medical,

July 17 Joint training with DNRC at Boorman, meet and greet and engine familiarization

July 19 Medical, research presentations

July 24 DNRC paperwork, ALERT training

July 31 Radio Communication, Report on Conditions with Jon Campbell

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193 –nothing to report

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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.

Water tender 1192- has an ABS light on, needs the sensor replaced, KC is scheduled to fix it on the 14th.
Water tender 1191- nothing to report (except its old and falling apart)
Engine 1131 –still needs those discharge valves and gauges replaced, KC scheduled for the 14th of July. Engine
1132- Nothing to report
Engine 1133- Nothing to report
Engine 1134- Nothing to report
Engine 1181-Needs a few minor LED lights replaced, I just bought them and Gary will replace them.
Command Rig – 1161 Has a power steering fluid leak; I ordered a new hose and will replace it.
Ambulance 1121 –it surges when it sits running, last summer Kalispell Ford looked at it and couldn't find anything wrong. I might take it back in but they are very busy.
Ambulance 1122- Nothing to report.
Ambulance 1123- air ride system has leaked for some time - trying to find the leak and see if it is fixable.

Upcoming Costs:

- Repairs on 1131 and sensor on 1192
- Need 1 pulaski, 1 combi tool, 1 rhino tool, 2 sections of 2.5" draft hose, 1 foot valve, 2 pairs of wildland pants, 2 reducers from Cascade for \$1,915.

Community Events:

- Ashley Lake pancake breakfast on July 14th

Additional Discussion:

- Grants
 - Firehouse Subs for \$22,720.00 for Genesis Cordless Extrication Equipment
 - VFA Grant for \$1,720.00 for 8 Wildland Packs
- Selling of Gurney, \$250.00 to Polson Ambulance

Conclusion of Chief's Report

Action Items:

A. FY18-19 Budget - The Board discussed and reviewed budget estimates/projections for FY18-19. M/S/C/(Ratka, Skaggs) finalized FY18-19 budget was approved by Board Members

B. Pintler/Collection Accounts – no discussion

C. Levy Increase – Chief Mast provided a comprehensive historic overview inclusive of detailed information specific to purpose and current justification for the levy increase. Following a productive discussion on the critical needs of the department (equipment, emergency response gear, expansion of training), the Board voted to move forward and sign the Resolution.

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01 approved and signed by Board Members

D. Emergency Actions – None

Discussion Items:

A. Public Request for Information – no discussion

B. Donation of Land – Shirley Webster sent an email to Rett Parker, Land Asset Management Officer for Weyerhaeuser regarding the donation. The request for donation consideration for the 8 acre parcel was declined. Dick Ramos currently has a call into Tom Ray and will update the Board as soon as possible.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2018 5:00 pm

Adjournment: 6:40PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster

Previous Minutes (June 28, 2018) approved on: 7/26/2018

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair Date