

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – August 30, 2018

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on August 30, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Ruth Skaggs, Dick Ramos, and John Devine, Treasure. Matt Sampley, Volunteer Member of MFD's Emergency Response Team was present on behalf of Chief Mast. Chief Mast is currently working with officials as part of a multi-disciplinary team on the fires in Glacier National Park.

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on July 26, 2018

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the minutes of the Board's Special Meeting on August 13, 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: Mark Ramsey, Daryl Olson, Bonnie Olson, Mark Crampton, Dale Saverud, Richard Star, Dan Handlin, Nancy Krause, Larry Brower.

Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report- cash balance as of 8/30/18 is \$88,119.97, Capital Improvement balance is \$10,970.37

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

Chief's Report: Presented by Matt Sampley, Volunteer MFD Emergency Responder on behalf of Chief Mast

Calls to date: 141

Personnel

Recently we took on a new member, Bob Blankenship.

Training

We took 2 weeks off this month due to the busy fire season. This past Tuesday night we trained on chimney fires

On September 8th, Best Practice Medicine is bringing their mobile simulation unit to do an all-day medical training.

Equipment and Apparatus

1131 -Needs several valves and gauges replaced. KC started the project 2 weeks ago but isn't finished

1132 -Nothing to report.

1133 -Nothing to report

1134 -Needs a passenger side door window - mysteriously shattered.

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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.

1191 -Nothing to report.

1192 -Needs 1 new tire immediately, will need to replace all 6 this fall. This will be our yearly tire replacement.

1193 -Nothing to report.

1181 -Nothing to report

1161 -Nothing to report

1121 -Nothing to report.

1122 -Nothing to report. It's out on fires so may need some small maintenance items when it comes back

1123 -Has a leaky air ride system. If we can't find the leak, we will need to have KC look at it.

1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, and 1192 are all scheduled for annual pump tests on Tuesday, the 4th with Sean and KC. Gary, Jess, and I with help from the volunteers, will begin annual hose testing when everyone is back from the fires.

Community Events

McGregor Lake Station open house and pancake breakfast is on September 29th 9AM – 11AM.

Upcoming Costs

Tires for 1192, roughly \$2500

I will have a full update on the fire season next meeting. Thank you all for your support. Katie

Conclusion of Chief's Report

Action Items:

- A. FY19 Budget Approval - Board members approved and signed Resolution 2018-03.
- B. Pintler/Collection Accounts – Board members discussed the outstanding balance based on Patient Day Sheet. The outstanding balance of \$1,316.00 will be referred to collections.
- C. Levy Increase – Several members of the community were present. Many questions and concerns were verbalized. Board Chair, Vargie Williams, assured community members all details regarding the potential levy increase would be discussed at scheduled public meetings upon Chief Mast's return. Chair Williams also addressed the "rumors" currently circulating in the community. Members of the community were assured these rumors represented gross misinformation. The first public meeting regarding the levy increase is scheduled for early September. Chief Mast has prepared a comprehensive presentation to be shared with the community based on the critical needs of the department. All questions and concerns will be addressed at scheduled community meetings. We are currently waiting for the times and locations for the meetings to be confirmed.
- D. Emergency Actions – The septic system backed up and was pumped. Board members discussed the need for a new lid. - \$269 for heavy duty and \$176 for light duty. Final decision pending further discussion with Chief Mast.

Discussion Items:

- A. Public Request for Information – no discussion
- B. Donation of Land – Board member, Dick Ramos spoke with Weyerhaeuser Officials. The Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative of the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation has a grant

available to organizations meeting the criteria specified in the guidelines. Further review and discussion of the grant application is pending.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018 5:00 pm

Adjournment: 6:30PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster

Previous Minutes (July 26, 2018 and August 13, 2018) approved on: 8/30/2018

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair Date