

## Marion Fire District

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – September 27, 2018

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on September 27, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Ruth Skaggs, and Dick Ramos. Board Treasurer, John Devine was authorized an excused absence. 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 Regular Meeting on August 30, 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: Gary Webster and Matt Sampley, members of the emergency response team, Chris Sampley, member of MFD Auxiliary, and Larry Brower, member of the community.

### Treasurer's Report/Financial:

Board Chair Vargie Williams reviewed the Treasurer's Report on behalf of John Devine - cash balance as of 9/27/18 is \$77,395.05, Capital Improvement balance is \$10,986.73

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

### Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

#### Total Calls to Date: 159

34 calls down from last year

17 calls since last meeting on August 30, 2018

- 14 Medical- (5 Marion patient transport, 2 Alert transport, 2 Non Transports)
- 3 Wildland fires

**Personnel:** 2 new members-Bob Blankenship and Caroline Pugh

### Training:

Sept 4 Business Meeting

Sept 8, Medical Training, Mobile Simulation unit

Sept 11, Fire Training- Structure fire scenarios

Sept 18, Fire Training-Structure fire scenarios

Sept 20, Medical Training-Pt scenarios

Sept 25, Fire Training-Structure Fire Scenarios

Gary Webster and Jason Hill renewed their CPR Instructor certifications.

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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).

## **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193 –nothing to report

Water tender 1192- has a ABS light on , needs the sensor replaced

Water tender 1191- nothing to report

Engine 1131 –still needs 2 discharge

Engine 1132- Nothing to report

Engine 1133- Nothing to report

Engine 1134- Nothing to report

Engine 1181-Nothing to report

Command Rig – 1161

Ambulance 1121 –Nothing to report

Ambulance 1122- Had an oil change and tire rotation done, ordered a few light bulbs

Ambulance 1123- Has had a leak in the air ride system for a few years, we are trying to find the leak and see if its fixable.

## **Upcoming Costs:**

- Repairs on 1131 and sensor on 1192

## **Community Events:**

- Fire Prevention week is October 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing our annual fire prevention day with the Marion School on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Additional Discussion:**

Tax Levy Update:

- The Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> public meeting had 2 people from the public in attendance.
- The Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> public meeting had 8 people in attendance.

## **Conclusion of Chief's Report**

### **Action Items:**

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts** – Board members re-discussed financial hardship for patient referred to collections during last month's regular board meeting. Following review of additional documentation board members concurred a financial hardship was substantiated and the outstanding amount would be a financial write-off for the department. Board members discussed reviewing the department's current policy on financial write-offs and re-establishing a limit for such action(s).
- B. Levy Increase and Public Meetings** – Chief Mast has conducted two informational public meetings to date. The first meeting (9/13) was attended by two members of the community and the second meeting (9/26) by eight members of the community. Chief Mast re-confirmed the next four public meeting dates (9/29 – during pancake breakfast at McGregor Lake Station), 9/30, 10/13, 10/14). Flyers have been distributed inclusive of dates, times, and locations for these meetings. Additional advertising and TV exposure was also discussed in an effort to increase attendance from the Marion Community. Further discussion on the levy is postponed until after the November election.

**C. Emergency Actions – None**

**Discussion Items:**

- A.** Public Request for Information – Larry Brower requested copies of several documents. Board Chair Vargie Williams provided copies as requested and fees were paid by Mr. Brower accordingly.
  
- B.** Donation of Land – Further discussion postponed. The deadline for grant application submission (Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation Grant) is not until March 2019. Chief Mast will follow-up as soon as immediate priorities are stabilized.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:** 6:15PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster

Previous Minutes (August 30, 2018) approved on: 9/27/2018

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