

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – May 23, 2019

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on May 23, 2019. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Greg Mercurio, Dick Ramos, and John Devine. Shirley Webster, Board Secretary, had an authorized absence. Chief Mast was present for the department.

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos) approved the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on April 25, 2019

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos) 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: Lilly Brower, community member was present for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine, Board Treasurer, provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report. Cash balance as of 5/23/19 is \$82,949.91. Capital Improvement balance as of 4/30/19 is \$11,132.40. M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) review and approval of Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

Total Calls to Date: 43

26 calls down from last year

8 calls since last meeting on April 25, 2019

- 7 Medical- (4 Marion patient transport, 2 Alert transports including a mutual aid to Fisher River, 1 pt refusal)
- 1 Wildland fire

Personnel:

No new personnel, nothing to report.

Training:

May 2, Fire –Pump Ops

May 2, Medical –IV maintenance

May 7, Fire –Wildland, Live burn

May 9, Fire –Pump Ops

May 14, General –Business meeting

May 16, Fire –Pump Ops

May 21, Fire –Wildland, Live burn

May 23, Fire –Pump Ops

May 23, Medical –Endocrinology

May 28, Fire –Wildland, weather

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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.

May 30, Fire –Pump Ops

- The Saw class is scheduled for May 24, 25, and 26 in Trego. Currently we have 5 people planning to attend this weekend.
- We have an in-house engine boss class scheduled for the 1st two weeks of June, with 6 people attending. Curriculum cost is \$186.00.
- The annual DNRC engine academy is scheduled for the week of June 10th. We plan to send the type 5 engine, 1181, with a crew of 2-3 (Chief Mast, Jessica, Jeff).
- The Fully Involved class is set for June 29th. We have been advertising heavily, and have had several registrations come in.

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193- nothing to report

Water tender 1192- nothing to report

Water tender 1191- Has a radiator leak

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- 1132 did get new tires put on by Les Schwab.

Engine 1133- nothing to report

Engine 1134- nothing to report

Engine 1181- Replaced the engine batteries, pump needs a new starter.

Command Rig 1161- Has new tires, thanks to Greg and Nomad Communications!

Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report

Ambulance 1122- 1122 had new tires put on, purchased at Les Schwab

Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report

Upcoming Costs:

- Water system at Ashley lake
- Ashley Lake Power Load system
- Ashley Lake garage door openers

Community Events:

Era of Megafires, June 1st at 3 pm

- We have 2 door prizes, a Stihl 170 chainsaw and a power trimmer.
- Axmen from Missoula will be here to set up a table with information on fire pumps, hose, etc. for the general public. They have also graciously donated some giveaways, such as leather gloves, a basket of items, etc. for the event.

Conclusion of Chief's Report

Action Items:

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No updates/discussion
- B. Emergency Actions - None

Discussion Items:

- A. Public Request for Information – No public requests for information were made.
- B. Budget – Reminder announcement – Board meets on 6/20, 9AM to discuss budget amendments

C. MFD Drug Policy – The Board discussed content of the draft document. A policy of “zero tolerance” is preferred and revisions were discussed. Before implementation of this policy, the Board will have content reviewed by legal counsel. All revisions will be made based on feedback and directive from counsel. Options for drug testing were discussed.

D. Implementation of Policy for Charge of Documents Requested by the Public. No requests for information were made at this meeting.

E. Metal Water Tanks – Board approved purchase of metal tanks pending inspection by Mercurio. M/S/C (Ratka/Mercurio).

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2019 at 5:00PM.

Reminder: The Board will attend the financial meeting conducted by Flathead County on 5/30.

Adjournment: 5:45 PM

Minutes recorded by: Joyce Ratka, Board Vice Chair

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair Date