

## Marion Fire District

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – August 27, 2020

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on August 27, 2020. Greg Mercurio, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Shirley Webster, Dick Ramos, William Tewksbury and Joyce Ratka. Fire Chief Mast was unable to attend the meeting due to ongoing obligations in fire suppression efforts during the last several weeks.

### PLEDGE

#### Consent to Agenda

**M/S/C (Ratka, Webster)**

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (July 30, 2020)

**Amendment:** Board members discussed the omission of formal approval for the repair of 1181. This will be an action item for the September 2020 regular monthly board meeting. Board members approved the minutes as amended.

**M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ramos)**

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

Public present: Lily Brower, Community Member.

### Financial

#### A. Review and Approval of Current Claims for Payment

**M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ramos)**

#### B. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report

Joyce Ratka, Board Treasurer provided overview of current finances. Cash balance as of 8/27/20 is \$94,858.61. Capital Improvement balance as of 7/31/20 is \$11,382.91.

**M/S/C (Webster, Tewksbury)**

### Fire Chief's Report & Updates

**M/S/C (Webster, Tewksbury)** Chief's report accepted and submitted as written.

**Total Calls to Date: 169**

48 calls up from last year

37 calls since July 30, 2020

- 3 BLS Medical Calls- (2 Marion pt transports, 1 pt refusals)
- 7 ALS Medical Calls (3 ALERT pt transports, 4 Marion transports)
- 2 Public Service calls
- 1 Inter-facility transfers
- 4 Wildland Fires
- 1 Auto Fire/CO alarm
- 1 Powerline Emergency

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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).

- 2 Motor Vehicle Fire
- 10 Special Events (Meadow Peak Skydive Boogie)
- 1 Smoke Investigation –nothing found
- 1 Hazmat –oil spill
- 1 Vehicle in Bitterroot Lake
- 1 Wildland Assignment –DNRC Severity assignment
- 2 Structure fires (mutual aid to Fisher River/Lower Lost Prairie Structure/Wildland fire)

### **Personnel:**

Medical Captain and long term member, Spencer Hale, officially finished his first quarter of Physician Assistant school and moves to Spokane in early Sept to continue his education. He will be missed throughout the ranks and leaves a huge hole to fill, but we are incredibly proud and supportive of him and his accomplishments. Matt Sampley, FFT/EMT was accepted into the paramedic program at FVCC and started courses this week. He will still be around to run calls with us.

### **Training:**

- 08/11/20, Fire -Drafting
- 08/25/20, Fire –Hose Lays and nozzle work

### **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193- KC repaired the tank leak, temporarily

Water tender 1192- nothing to report

Water tender 1191- nothing to report

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- nothing to report

Engine 1133- nothing to report

Engine 1134- nothing to report

Engine 1181- is doing great. Les Schwab put new tires on, per the quote from 6 months ago. Glacier West repaired the long term “Engine Power Loss” issue by replacing the turbo charger.

Command Rig 1161- Recharged the AC.

Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report, we did get an oil change done as it was due

Ambulance 1122- Bumper update- bumper is complete and waiting for a day where we can take it out of service and Aaron will mount it. We believe that KC fixed the power loss issue by replacing the IPR valve.

Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report

### **Upcoming Costs:**

- Concrete slab for a washing station \$763.00
- Pallet of water from Costco \$389.99
- Medic pay, discussion

### **Community Events:**

- Meadow Peak Skydive boogie went smoothly this year, with no major incidents over the 12 days we had a crew out there. The crews enjoy staffing the ambulance and the Wayne Cross, the owner of Meadow Peak is appreciative of our presence there.

**Additional Updates and Discussion:**

- **Concrete Slab Wash Station:** The concrete company and excavation companies are meeting to make a plan and set a date for completion of work.
- **Severity Assignment:** 25 days and still going. Crews are doing well and we've had no issues finding personnel.
- **Bumper on 1122:** The bumper is built and has been powder coated. Putting it on 1122 has been delayed due to Asst Chief Jones working on the severity engines 3 days a week.
- **Credit Card:** We have a new card on our existing account with a \$10,000 credit limit on it. I understand that the purpose is to use it only for travel expenses. My operational card remains the same.
- **I.S.O Update:** The only update is that I've had discussion with the auxiliary board and they are willing to pay for and do the work on a post card type of mail out that will go out the week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Please advise if the board would like any specific information on the card. I will email a write up for it to the board for review.
- **Grants:** No updates

**Action Items:**

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No update
- B. FY20/21 Budget Approval – Board members reviewed and signed final document.
- C. Emergency Actions – None

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Medical Insurance – Tabled for September Meeting
- B. ISO Rating Review – Covered in Chief's Report

**New Business:**

Chairman Mercurio is working with Chief Mast on a 2 and 5 year plan for vehicle replacement. Further discussion pending.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2020 at 5:30PM.

**Adjournment:** 5:45PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mercurio, Board Chair                      Date