

Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District
Board of Trustees Meeting
 Date: 6/17/20 Time: 1600 hr
 GRRFD Station 1
 480 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

Present: Presiding officer: Spencer Millimen. Secretary: Sue Piechowski
 Trustees present: Richard Anderson, Rick McCourt
 Others present: Chief Marlin Sprow, Executive Assistant John Andrews

Quorum established and meeting was called to order at: 1601

Public Comment: No public was present

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 5/20/20 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Millimen Seconded by: Piechowski Approved on Unanimous Vote
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheet for May were not available. The monthly check register is distributed and reviewed	Treasurer's report discussed. The May monthly summaries will be presented at the July meeting.	Treasurer's Report accepted
Fire Chief's Report	Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed.	The Chief's report is filed.

Unfinished Business

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Fire Station Project	The construction of a new fire station is an ongoing project. The Board is updated each month on project progress.	Architectural costs and current proposals are reviewed and discussed. The bid for septic system upgrade is distributed and discussed. We are waiting to hear about bank financing.	For information only. The decision on architectural firms will be made at the next meeting. The septic system upgrade/application will be started as soon as we are sure we have bank financing for the project.
Manhattan Discussions	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	The Manhattan RFD Trustees discussed the proposed contract and plan to return to the matter next month.	For information only.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant is closed out and all equipment purchased and distributed. The AFG grant request is pending and we should receive word in July about it. The same is true of the regional SCBA AFG grant application. The FY 2020 AFG grant period will probably open in August or September. The main "big ticket" item we should consider for that is a radio upgrade. The need for this is discussed. This might be more successful as a regional grant, which we do not propose to host. We will return to this matter in the next two meetings	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new information. We will work to recruit new reservists to replace the three who moved or resigned in the past 3 months.	For information only.

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Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new information.	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	Routine cleaning and maintenance work has been done.	For information only.
Disposition of surplus equipment	A number of items in the inventory are considered surplus. The BOT examines the matter of disposition of this equipment at each meeting.	The F800 surplus truck will be sold. The Felling trailer will be sold eventually. The wildland firefighting skid unit will be donated to Three Forks VFD when they have time to pick it up. The white tank will be fitted with the plumbing necessary to activate it as a seasonal water source when Chief Sprow has the time.	For information only.

New Business

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GRRRFD Breakfast at GRRHOA Annual Meeting	The GRRRFD has sponsored a breakfast during the GRRHOA Annual Meeting Weekend. This includes a small fundraiser component that has yielded several hundred dollars each year.	The COVID-19 pandemic has created major problems for fundraisers of this sort, where social distancing and mask use become difficult if not impossible to observe. While GRRRFD would like to make this breakfast an annual event, COVID-19 makes it unnecessarily risky. The GRRRFD, as the EMS agency for GRR and surrounding properties, must take a leading role in public safety that would be incompatible with such a breakfast event. The same limitation prevented GRRRFD from doing its annual Firefighter Appreciation Picnic in May.	GRRRFD will not sponsor a breakfast during the GRRHOA Annual Meeting Weekend in 2020. This will be communicated to GRRHOA.

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 7/15/20 at Station 2, located at 650 Equestrian Center Loop Road.

Announcements: The next meeting will enable Trustees to inspect Station 2. The plan for the summer is to hold meetings in the two fire stations. The acoustics are better than in the GRRHOA maintenance building conference room.

Adjourned: 1701

Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date