

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 Date: 8/19/20 Time: 1600 hr  
 GRRFD Station 2  
 650 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

Present: Presiding officer: Vice Chair Richard Anderson. Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Piechowski  
 Trustees present: Wendy Ward, Rick McCourt  
 Absent: Spencer Millimen  
 Others present: Chief Marlin Sprow, Executive Assistant John Andrews, Firefighter Bruce Reynolds

Quorum established and meeting was called to order at: 1558 hours

Public Comment: None

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 7/15/20 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Piechowski Seconded by: McCourt Approved on unanimous vote
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheet presented. The yearly report from the County Treasurer shows an error in the original budget and established that the District is eligible for additional credit from the already-established mill rate	Treasurer's report discussed. Information from the Gallatin County Finance Department was reviewed. A resolution was proposed by Ward: Be it Resolved: the Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District requests Gallatin County to levy the maximum mills to the Fire District.	Motion to approve the resolution: Ward Second: Piechowski Votes in favor: Ward Anderson, Piechowski, McCourt. Opposed: none The motion is approved on unanimous vote. The signed

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	<p>authority. This will not raise taxes but will ensure the GRRRFD gets credit for the money raised by the already-maximum mill rate that applies to the district. The District has levied the maximum available mills for many years. This is the first time this matter has arisen as a result of the amount of money currently held in reserve for the fire station project.</p>		<p>resolution will be sent to the GC Finance Department by Ward, following the meeting.</p>
Fire Chief's Report	<p>Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Chief's report discussed. The wildland is out of service until the middle of next week due to engine failure which appears to be the result of faulty fuel injectors. This is being repaired on a priority basis. Fire danger postings are done in coordination with Manhattan VFD, the method is discussed.</p>	<p>The Chief's report is filed.</p>

## Unfinished Business

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Fundraiser Update	<p>We have no active fundraiser active at this time.</p>	<p>The possibility of a fall fundraiser to help support the project is discussed. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	<p>For information only</p>
Fire Station Project	<p>The construction of a new fire station is an ongoing project. The Board is updated</p>	<p>McCourt, Reynolds, and Andrews will meet with architect Visser and the mechanical and electrical engineers who will be involved in the project on 8/20/20. C&amp;H</p>	<p>For information only</p>

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	each month on project progress	Engineering is proceeding on the septic permit upgrade, which will not require a physical change to the system in place. Attorney Dinwiddie is still working on a proposed sale and memorandum of understanding to enable GRRRFD to purchase a portion of the GRRHOA building.	
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	The MRFD trustees are meeting later on 8/19/20. They should be considering the proposed contract terms in that meeting. If they agree, GRRRFD can give attorney Dinwiddie the go-ahead to create a proposed agreement document for presentation to and approval by the respective Boards of Trustees.	For information only.
Grant Update	Grant applications are discussed.	GRRRFD has been awarded an AFG grant with a budget of \$39,500, with a GRRRFD share of \$1,881, for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor/defibrillator and video laryngoscope. We will purchase a LifePak 15; the rationale is discussed. This is the unit that MVFD and AMR use and compatibility with those agencies and their staff. This has been previously discussed with the medical officer for Manhattan VFD. The regional AFG grant for SCBA, sponsored by Central Valley Fire is still pending.	For information only. Andrews is proceeding with final device specifications and will order the equipment covered by the grant and manage the grant.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	Sue Wassersleben resigned from the Reserve. An email was sent to all Auxiliary	For information only.

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		members to query if any have an interest in joining the Reserve; we have received no replies yet. An recruitment email was sent to all GRRHOA members this week; no replies have been received yet. If there are none, some individual recruitment may take place next.	
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity. Trustee McCourt asked for an explanation of the differences in job description of Reserve and Auxiliary members. This was discussed	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	Chief Sprow discussed Chief's House repairs that will be needed.	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.	Discussed No new information	For information only.

There was no new business this meeting.

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 9/23/20 at 4 pm at Station 2. This meeting was moved to the 4th Wednesday in September in order to have full attendance.

Adjourned: 1656 hours

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Richard Anderson , Vice Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date