

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 Date: 9/23/2020 Time: 1600 hr  
 GRRFD Station 2  
 650 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

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

Quorum established and meeting was called to order at: 1602  
 Public Comment: No public was present

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 8/19/2020 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 from the months of July and August. Current and near-term future expenses are discussed.	Treasurer's report discussed.	Accepted by acclamation
Fire Chief's Report	Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed. Vehicle and house maintenance expenses discussed. Recruitment is discussed. Staff attended County Radio demonstrations. The future need to migrate to P25 radios, costs, and the decision regarding purchase vs leasing are discussed at length.	The Chief's report is filed. Andrews will explore purchase vs leasing options. If purchase is thought best, the possibility of a regional AFG grant will be considered.

## 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	Preliminary plans are reviewed and discussed. The plan presented by Visser Architects meets expectations. Next steps and additional details are discussed	For information only. Reynold, Andrews, and McCourt will follow up with architects to develop construction plans. Attorney Dinwiddie is working on a purchase agreement to present to GRRHOA.
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	The MVFD board is in favor of moving ahead on the services contract proposed earlier this year. The details are discussed in previous minutes.	For information only. Attorney Dinwiddie is working on an interlocal agreement for the two Boards to consider.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	The purchases under the RFC grant are nearly complete. There may be a few more items to yet purchase. All ordered items except backpack pump sprayers have been received. The LifePak-15 and video laryngoscope are ordered. Account settings in the federal SAM system have been confirmed and a request for funds will be made in the next two weeks. The Town Pump Charitable Foundation EMS application was submitted earlier this year and will be considered in 2021.	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting.	Sue Wassersleben has requested to rejoin the reserve. Continued recruitment efforts are underway.	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting.	The Clarkston Fire District Auxiliary has reached out to regional partners in an effort to explore a more coordinated regional	For information only. Andrews will contact several auxiliary members to query

