

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Date: 2/17/2021 Time: 1600 hr
GRR Equestrian Center Tack Room
725 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

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

Quorum established and meeting was called to order at: 1558

Public Comment: No public present

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 1/20/21 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed. The title Treasurer will be added to Sue Piechowski	Motion to approve by: Piechowski Seconded by: McCourt Approved on Unanimous vote
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheet presented.	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.	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	Negotiations are nearly complete with the GRRHOA Board regarding the sales and other documents. The attorneys are completing new documents. These will be presented to the respective Boards when they are ready. The changes proposed by the	Information only.

GRRRFD BOT Minutes from: 2/17/2021

		GRRHOA attorney are relatively minor and will not prevent the two entities from moving forward with the transaction in Attorney Dinwiddie's opinion.	
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	The contract is operational. Chief Sprow will meet with Chief Ulmen next week to discuss training and other matters.	For information only.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	The district will apply for the regional RFC grant again this year; we have sent our receipts in to document purchases made on the last grant. The AFG grant is ready to be closed but FEMA GO does not have the mechanism to do so yet.	For information only.
EMS Update	EMS activity is updated periodically.	The GRRFD is down to one EMT. Manhattan VFD will be called for mutual aid when that EMT is unavailable. There are no prospects for additional EMTs in the community. Recruitment challenges were discussed in the Chief's Report.	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	While not strictly a reserve activity, a group of interested community members is being assembled to coordinate wildland fire prevention efforts. Dennis Ochs and John Andrews met with DNRC regional coordinator Crystal Beckman on 2/4/21. They will be organizing a wildland fire prevention community effort. This will interface with the fire department if/when actual inspections take place.	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new information at this time. Vanessa McMurray has volunteered to work as Auxiliary coordinator and will work with	For information only.

		Andrews in bringing seasonal preparations up to speed before the 2021 wildland fire season.	
Fire Chief's House	The disposition of the Fire Chief's house at 480 Equestrian Center Loop Road in the event of district consolidation is a matter of ongoing discussion.	The history of the chief's house and its financing are reviewed for all Trustees. The 2008 memo from the developers, the Leave and Lease agreement from 2014, and recent emails with the Developer are presented. The proposal to sell the house to the Developer is discussed. The pros and cons of various scenarios are reviewed. In the final analysis, it appears the house will not be a major impediment to consolidation.	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	No new information	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 matters to discuss.	For information only.

New Business: No new business

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 3/17/2021 at 4 pm at the GRREC Tack Room
Adjourned: 1709 hours

Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date