

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Date: 1/19/2022 Time: 1600 hr  
GRR Equestrian Center Tack Room  
725 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

Present: Presiding officer: Chair Spencer Millimen.  
Trustees present: Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Piechowski, Vice Chair Richard Anderson, Rick McCourt  
Others present: Chief Marlin Sprow, Executive Assistant John Andrews  
Not Present: Wendy Ward

Quorum established and the meeting was called to order at: 1557 hours

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 11/10/21 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed.	Motion to approve by: Anderson Seconded by: Piechowski Approved on unanimous vote.
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statements and balance sheets from 9/21 and 10/21 are presented. The Nov and Dec check register are presented.	Treasurer's report discussed. Gallatin County is still behind on its financial reporting, so we do not have the November or December financials yet. The current balance in the District account is about \$97,500.	Approved by acclamation.
Fire Chief's Report	Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed. The inspection logs from 2021 are presented along with a review of the DOT inspections and other vehicle inspection process. The white truck	The Chief's report is filed.

		water tank was discussed. With the Castle Rock Pond water access, this tank may be relatively unimportant to future firefighting efforts. It may be worthwhile to query if the GRR EC owner wants to use this for water storage.	
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## 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	Contractor Corey Taylor has indicated that he is still waiting for bids from two of his sub-contractors and has no information as to when they might be forthcoming. This is apparently typical in the current building environment in the valley.	For information only.
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	No new information. Chair Millimen discussed meeting with the MVFD Board in the next month if they will put him on the agenda in order to keep the process moving forward.	For information only.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	Wildland hoses were ordered in November but are delayed. Our portion of the RFC grant will be completed after those hoses arrive.	For information only.
Community Wildland Fire Preparedness Project	This project was formalized in March 2021. It is an ongoing project to help prepare the community to mitigate risk and prepare.	No current activity. Will ramp up this project in March/April.	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity. The Trustees discussed having a meeting of the reserve and auxiliary members, perhaps in March, after	For information only.

		the current COVID wave wanes and group meetings become safer.	
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	Above.	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	A resident discussed the opportunity to share satellite WiFi connection with the new fire station. The department does not plan to locate a computer or office in the station, so this may not be necessary.	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 the "white tank" at the equestrian center in Chief's Report.	For information only.

New Business  
No new business

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 2/16/22 at 1600 hours.

Announcements: None

Adjourned: 1647 hours

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Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

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Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date