

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Date: 10/20/21 Time: 1600 hr  
GRR Equestrian Center Tack Room  
725 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

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

Quorum established and the meeting was called to order at: 1553

Public Comment: No members of the public were present at this open public meeting.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 8/25/21 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Piechowski Seconded by: Anderson Approved on unanimous vote
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheets from 7/31/21 are presented. The August and September check registers are 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. Vehicle inspection records are available to all BOT members at any time. The BOT decided they do not need to inspect them at meetings.	The Chief's report is filed.

Unfinished Business

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## GRRRFD BOT Minutes from: 10/20/21

Fire Station Project	The construction of a new fire station is an ongoing project. The Board is updated each month on project progress	The contractor interested in the project is still getting bids from subcontractors but hopes to have that done by next week. The septic permit should come before the County Board of Health this week.	For information only
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	Chief Sprow updated the BOT on his discussions with Manhattan Chief Ulmen	For information only.
Water Source Project	A standpipe to access Castle Rock pond and a "T" connection into the existing Mossy Rock Pond pipe will add a significant amount of water available for firefighting on GRR. This should improve insurance ratings and safety.	Andrews worked with GRRHOA's Board and the Developer on this. All agree to proceed with the project. Andrews is working with Attorney Kate Dinwiddie on formal agreements for these projects but all agreed to proceed even before those are complete.	Marlin is in touch with an excavator to get a bid on this project with the goal of completing the Castle Rock Pond project before the ground freezes this fall/winter.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	No new activity. The plan is to order new wildland hose after the first of the year.	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 new activity. Reminders about this will be sent to the GRRHOA membership by email and will be posted on the GRRRFD website.	For information only
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	Rick Davis has joined the reserve. His basic reserve orientation is done and medical orientation is under way	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity.	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the	Repairs on the Station 2 door were discussed in the Chief's Report. The door requires maintenance work.	For information only.

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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	For information only.
Fundraiser Update	Fundraising needs and efforts are periodically presented to the BOT.	A fundraiser will be discussed after the fire station bid is received and reviewed by the BOT	For information only.
Fire extinguisher proposal	Several GRRHOA members recommended the Fire District explore the feasibility of a bulk fire extinguisher purchase, and then distribution to interested HOA members.	The proposal was considered at the last meeting though members of the BOT thought it would not be time- or cost-effective to do this project. After further consideration of the staff time needed to do this project, all agreed to go no further.	For information only.

#### New Business

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AD&D insurance	The GRRRFD has carried additional AD&D insurance on volunteers and reservists for the past several years. This policy requires renewal each October.	The policy documents were sent to Board members by email prior to the meeting. The policy was discussed.	For information only, since this is a renewal of a previously approved policy.

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 11/10/21 at 4 pm in the GRREC Tack Room

Announcements:None

Adjourned: 1633 hours

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Richard Anderson, Vice Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

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