

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Date: 7/13/22 Time: 1600 hr
GRR Equestrian Center Tack Room
725 Equestrian Center Loop Road, Manhattan, MT

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

Quorum established and the meeting was called to order at: 1600 hours

Public Comment: No members of the public chose to attend the meeting.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 6/13/22 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 May are presented. The June check register is presented.	Treasurer's report discussed.	Approved by acclamation
Fire Chief's Report	The Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed. Training is reviewed as well as other administrative activities and hose testing.	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	Rick McCourt, the architect, and builder completed plan modifications that will	Andrews will work with the insurance broker on the policy

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	project. The Board is updated each month on project progress	reduce the cost of the project by as much as \$35,000. McCourt signed the building contract on behalf of the BOT. A \$50,000 deposit check was provided to the builder to begin construction. Construction will begin on 7/20/22. Insurance coverage for the GRRRFD portion of the building and the building process is being developed. The HOA has been informed of the project progress. The builder has been informed about the need to clear the front of the building for the HOA Annual Meeting on 8/13.	to cover construction and the building. McCourt will continue to coordinate the project with the builder. Millimen and McCourt will meet with Manhattan Bank to coordinate the process of taking draws on the construction loan
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	No new activity. Chief Ulmen was invited to attend this meeting but was out of town this week. The invitation will be extended for the next regular meeting of the BOT.	Millimen and McCourt will plan to attend a MRFD meeting in August or September to update them on our progress and to carry on the discussions about consolidation.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	No new activity	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.	One inspection is scheduled for 8/1/22.	For information only
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	Millimen and Andrews have met with residents who may be interested in the reserve in the future, but are not ready to join now.	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity. The Auxiliary will be asked to help with the Pancake Breakfast	For information only.

		and to participate in fundraising activity at and after the HOA Annual Meeting.	
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	No new activity.	For information only.
Fundraiser Update	Additional funds are needed to defray the costs of the new fire station.	A fundraiser to raise money to defray some of the costs of the new fire station will kick off at the GRRHOA Annual Meeting Weekend. We will announce the fundraiser at the meeting and follow up with email and USPS mailings to appeal for funds. An additional opportunity will occur when we have the grand opening of the station after it is complete.	The Board discussed the options and methods of conducting the fundraiser.
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 activity	For information only.
Annual Pancake Breakfast	The GRRRFD will sponsor a pancake breakfast on 8/13/22 starting at 9 am prior to the GRRHOA Annual Meeting.	Our staff will begin at around 7 am making coffee and setting up. Food will be ready at 9 am. Service will end at 9:45, with leftovers and coffee available during the HOA meeting	We will coordinate with the HOA on details and table setup.

New Business

No New business

Date, time, and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 8/17/22, starting at 4 pm at the GRREC Tack Room.

Announcements: None

Adjourned: 1653 hours

Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date