

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Date: 1/18/2023 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
Others present: Executive Assistant John Andrews, Chief Marlin Sprow

Quorum established and the meeting was called to order at: 1555 hours

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 11/16/22 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Piechowski Seconded by: Millimen Approved on unanimous vote
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheets from November are presented. The December check register is presented	Treasurer's report discussed. As of 1/16/23 the bank balance was \$108,331. We are not sure if additional tax revenue will be coming in, but the vast majority of it should have been collected in December.	Approved by acclamation
Fire Chief's Report	Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed. FF Wayne Langel resigned. He served with the department since 1999. The Trustees agreed to give him a \$250 gift card to the Land of Magic as a token of our gratitude.	The Chief's report is filed. Andrews will

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	Very little was done during most of December. Remaining work includes repair and painting of a few ceiling cracks, door sills, finish work in the bathroom, connecting the bay door openers, installation of the exhaust fan (which is back-ordered into Feb or March), and the final floor treatment. A sliding door on the loft storage and water softener activation have occurred in the past week. The exact completion date remains unclear.	For information only.
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	Chair Millimen plans to attend the next MRFD BOT meeting to keep the process moving forward. Attorney Dinwiddie's work with the State and County regarding the tax effects of consolidation has been slowed by post-election changes in both departments. She indicates she will submit more information in February. Millimen believes that consolidation could move forward fairly quickly if the tax issue does not cause a problem.	For information only.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	No new info on grants per se. Andrews has arranged for the department to receive 10 new Lifepak CR2 AEDs to replace the aging Phillips Heartstart units currently in service. The advantages of the new units is discussed.	For information only.

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EMS Update		The EMS license as a Non-Transporting BLS service with ALS authorization is renewed.	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.	New Montana-specific Ready, Set, Go brochures arrived and are placed with the other materials the committee uses in its activities. Committee activities will restart in April.	For information only
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	Nick Derene is now formally accepted into the reserve. We are recruiting two other EMTs who have indicated an interest	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	The committee is dormant during the winter but will be involved in the Grand Opening of the New Station and will have an organizational meeting in April or May for the coming wildland season	For information only.
Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	Nothing new.	For information only.
Fundraiser Update		The New Fire Station Fundraiser has raised \$14,325 so far. It is ongoing and will get a boost/push when the new station grand opening takes place.	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. Chief Sprow is working to find disposition for the surplus equipment in and around Station 2.	For information only.

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New Business

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Resolution Calling for a Trustees Election	Each year a resolution to call for a trustee election is presented at the January BOT meeting.	The trustee positions held by Piechowski and Ward are subject to election this year. Declaration of Candidacy forms must be received by the election office no later than 5:00 PM on 2/6/23. A motion is made by Millimen: be it resolved that the Board approve Resolution 1 which calls for a GRRRFD trustee election to elect two trustees.	Motion: Millimen Second: Anderson Vote: Yea: Millimen, Anderson, Piechowski Nay: none Passed on unanimous vote
Electricity bill for shared pump and Station 2.	GRRRFD and Latigo Partners (the Equestrian Center Managers) agreed to have GRRRFD pay Latigo \$50 per month for its share of the electricity used to power the pump that supplies water to Station 2 and the Chief's house. Latigo proposes to increase this amount in light of increased power costs.	GRRRFD has paid through the end of the first CY quarter of 2023. The District expects to move Fire Station 2 from its current location into the new fire station in either March or April. It will have no responsibility for the electric usage at 650 Equestrian Center Loop Road after that. The only remaining shared used will be the electricity used to cover the Chief's house share of the shared pump usage, which will likely be less than \$50 per month.	Andrews will communicate with Latigo Partners regarding the upcoming changes and suggest that a reduction, rather than increase, will be appropriate starting quarter 2 of CY 2023. The District will have no responsibility for this after consolidation, when the District will no longer own the Chief's house.

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday, 2/15/23, starting at 1600 hours at the GRREC Tack Room.

Adjourned: 1656

Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date