

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Date: 3/15/23 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: 1555 hours

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 2/15/23 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Anderson Seconded by: Millimen Approved on unanimous vote.
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheets from January are presented. The February check register is presented	Treasurer's report discussed. The current back balance as of today is \$135,904 with about \$48,000 in taxes due in May.	Approved 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	McCourt and Millimen met with Ty from the builder and discussed what needs to be	For information only.

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	project. The Board is updated each month on project progress	done to complete the project. Completion is coming along very slowly; the exhaust fan is in the building but not installed. The ceiling finish work is unacceptable and needs to be done properly. There are a number of other small things that need completion. The matter of a certificate of occupancy is unresolved with the MT State building inspector not responding to multiple emails and phone calls. Date of final completion is up in the air. Marlin is working with Derek Ulmen regarding air compressor and lines. Rick McCourt will build the PPE storage units, and Marlin will talk with Derek Ulmen regarding a hose rack. Remaining costs; about \$20,000 to the builder, \$5,000 for the compressor and associated piping.	
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	Millimen met with the Manhattan RFD Board last week. Andrews has communicated with attorney Dinwiddie who is working with the State Dept of Revenue to sort out a formula for the tax calculations. This is the critical step for consolidation; the State has never done this before and the process is very slow.	For information only.  When the tax reconciliation package is finalized, Attorney Dinwiddie will be prepared to meet with both boards and explain the calculations and results.
Grant Application Update	Grant applications are discussed.	The RFC grant information has been submitted to the County. No other grants are outstanding.	For information only.
Community Wildland Fire Preparedness Project	This project was formalized in March 2021. It is an ongoing project to help	Andrews will check with Dennis Ochs and the rest of the group regarding this year's installment of the project.	For information only.

	prepare the community to mitigate risk and prepare.		
EMS Update	EMS activities are presented to the BOT	Andrews showed the BOT the LUCAS 2 device and one of the new AEDs acquired from the State through the Helmsley Charitable Trust grant program. These were acquired at no cost to the GRRRFD. Staff have been trained, and ongoing training will take place. Old AEDs will be positioned in the Tack Room, HOA maintenance building office, and in trained providers' second vehicles.	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	Angie Stewart's background check is complete and she will be added to the Reserve roster. Andrews obtained a number of new Reserve shirts (we were down to three size M shirts), and will order some additional hats.	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	Andrews will reach out to those who were in the Auxiliary last year to query their interest in continued participation. We will plan to have firefighters, reservists, and auxiliary members to have a joint meeting when the new fire station opens.	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.
Fundraiser Update	The New Station Fundraiser is ongoing and results are reported at each meeting	Donations have dropped but a significant push will be done at the new station grand opening. This will probably be a joint HOA and Fire District event in May.	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. Marlin is trading some of the surplus equipment for the compressor work at the new station. His plans are to dispose of surplus equipment in anticipation of the move to the new station.	For information only.
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No new business

Date, time and location of next meeting: 4/19/23 at 4 pm in the GRREC Tack Room.

Adjourned: 1702 hours

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Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

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Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date