

**Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Date: 9/20/2023 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: 1600 hr

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the 8/23/23 meeting were presented to trustees prior to the meeting by email.	Minutes are reviewed and discussed	Motion to approve by: Millimen Seconded by: Piechowski Vote in favor: Anderson, Millimen, Piechowski
Treasurer's Report	Profit/Loss statement and balance sheets from August are presented. The August check register is presented	Treasurer's report discussed.	Approved by acclamation
Fire Chief's Report	Fire Chief's report was distributed to trustees prior to the meeting.	Chief's report discussed. The matter of a sign for the station is discussed. Chief Sprow will try to use the old sign from Station 1. If it cannot be modified to fit the space a new sign will be made.	The Chief's report is filed.

## Unfinished Business

Agenda Topic	Background	Discussion	Resolution/Follow-up
Fire Station Project	The construction of a new fire station is an ongoing project. The Board is updated each month on project progress	The floor treatment in the new station is complete. Trustee McCourt asked the builder to document that their invoices are fully paid. The reply was equivocal and clarity is needed. The work remaining includes installation of the compressed gas system, PPE lockers, and a hose rack. The station is now operational with Engine-11 and Brush 11.1 in place and in service. There will be a Fire Council meeting in the building on 10/5. An open house will be held between 9-11 am on Saturday 10/14/23. The remaining vehicles will be moved to the facility after the open house.	For information only.
Manhattan Discussions.	The relationship between GRRFD and MVFD is the subject of ongoing discussions.	Chair Millimen was told that the MVFD BOT would discuss consolidation at their meeting last week. He has not heard any news and will query the Board's Chair or Chief Ulmen regarding this. The GRRRFD BOT is waiting to hear about MRFD's thoughts before moving forward.	For information only. Chair Millimen will find more information.
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 requests have been made for this program.	For information only.
Reserve Update	Reserve activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity.	For information only.
Auxiliary Update	Auxiliary activities are reviewed at each meeting	No new activity	For information only.

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Facilities Update	Facilities activities not otherwise covered in the Chief's Report are reviewed at each meeting.	Most of the equipment and two vehicles have moved to the new station. The remaining vehicles will move after the open house in October. Chief Sprow will go through the remaining supplies and equipment in the old station to determine what else should move and what should go to the Logan Landfill and then arrange for disposal. After that disposal, there will be a cleaning day for the old station.	Andrews will send an email to Tom Langel regarding the plan to be out of the facility by the end of October. Some items in the shed may take longer to dispose of but the plan is to have no remaining fire department materials in either building.
Fundraiser Update	The New Station Fundraiser is ongoing and results are reported at each meeting	No new activity. There will be a donation boot at the new station open house. A final fall fundraiser effort will be considered now that the station is finished.	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 has found places for most of the surplus equipment. One pump unit remains, and MVFD had an interest in this; Sprow will recheck with MVFD on that. Many outdated items will need safe disposal by landfill or other means.	Chair Millimen may know of a person who may be interested in Tender-11. He will check.

New Business: No new business.

Date, time and location of next meeting: 10/18/2023

Adjourned: 1636.

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Spencer Millimen, Chairman

Date

Susan M. Piechowski, Secretary

Date