

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
June, 08 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Kyle Goltz, John Costello, Ken Davis, Skip Morris

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, Lindsey Charlton, James Jessop, Tyrel Stoker

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment: Tyrel Stoker asks for board to consider purchasing Realiti Simulation software and passed out a proposal. Tyrel used this equipment during his paramedic boot camp and feels the department can benefit greatly from it. The software works form an iPad and can run a very wide range of scenarios. The subscription cost around \$9000.00 and allows access to a cloud that larger departments use to upload scenarios based on real calls. The pro membership allows for training in first aid, CPR, EMT along with being compatible with District existing Zoll monitors. Skip Morris states that the District needs to stay technologically evolved to stay on same level as everyone else. Ken Davis adds that finding good training tools is a huge problem and they don't last very long. Chief recommends adding this to the next June Board meeting as an action item. The Board thanked Tyrel for his presentation.

Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2021 Board Meeting: Ken Davis motions to approve minutes as written. Skip Morris seconds. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Claims/Deposits: Ken Davis motions to pay claims as presented. Skip Morris Seconds. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: See attached.

Old Business

Adopt Draft 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

Last month Chief presented a draft of the FY 21/22 budget for Board review. Chief is asking Board to adopt preliminary budget in order to spend funds after July 1. This process is a procedural action item. Skip Morris motions to approve the 2021 -2022 preliminary Budget. John Costello Seconds.

New Business

Approve new EMT/Firefighter positon

Chief requested Board approval to add an additional EMT/Firefighter position. The contract with the park has been secured and the District could use another vacation relief position. Kyle Goltz states that with the steady call volume the District needs the extra position. John Costello motions to approve an additional EMT/Firefighter position. Skip Morris seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approve Hiring of Kendall Carr Into new Firefighter Position

Chief requested board to approve Kendal Carr to be hired into the new EMT/Firefighter position pending he completes background check and physical. He is currently a full time EMT for Ennis ambulance and an active volunteer with the District. Skip Morris motions to hire Kendall Carr pending he passes background physical. John Costello seconds all in favor. Motion passed.

Reopening of Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic Position

Chief is requesting board approval to reopen this position and post it on the DPHS system. The Indeed system has proven to have been difficult by getting automatic resumes then only 7 apply for the position. Kyle Goltz agrees that it is time to tap into another resource. Ken Davis motions for Chief to reopen the position and post on necessary forums. Skip Morris Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Evaluation

Chairman Goltz reviews the Boards evaluation results of Chief. All the Evaluations were satisfactory along with commending Chief for spearheading the vaccinations for West Yellowstone. Chief reports that at this time the rest of the county is showing they are 40% vaccinated and he believes West Yellowstone in 65-70% vaccinated with all the J1's arriving. Kyle Goltz also reports that some of the evaluation questions could not be answered by the board because they do not work directly with the paid staff and the Board is not aware of how some things are done. Ken Davis adds that the scale provided showing 0-3 is not broad enough and should be changed to 0-5 in future evaluations providing a better spectrum. The next board meeting the board will discuss the Chief's contract and salary. The next board meeting we will discuss the contract.

Approve Ambulance Write-offs

Lindsey reviewed the ambulance write offs with board. Billing bridge patient dispositions caused several calls dating back to 2016 to not filter to billing side. The rest of the write offs were agency assist, refusals, foreign patients, and bloods draws. Ken Davis motions to write off the submission in the amount of \$41,479.36. Skip Morris seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Excess 1995 Bauer Compressor /fill station/Cascade

Chief reports to the board that the new compressor will be arriving very soon and he would like board approval to excess the old compressor, fill station, cascade system. Chief would like to advertise a few weeks and accept sealed bids. If there is not any interest then the District could consider piecing them out and donating to other districts. At July board meeting chief will be excessing the old SCBA's. District may get some interest if they are excessed together. Chief states the packs are great but the bottles are at the end of their life cycle. Ken Davis motions to surplus the 1995 Bauer compressor. Skip Morris seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 7:07 PM

Next regular meeting: 7/13 /2021 6pm

Special board meeting: 6/25/2021 12:00 noon