

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

Board Members Present: Kyle Goltz, Skip Morris,

Board Members Present Via Web ex: Mike Gavagan

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, Lindsey Charlton, James Jessop, Cassandra Mitchell, Jamie McBirnie

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Minutes for December 08, 2020 Board Meeting: Mike Gavagan motions to approve minutes. Kyle Goltz Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes for December 22, 2020 Board Meeting: Skip Morris motions to approve minutes. Kyle Goltz Seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Approval of Claims/Deposits: Skip Morris motions to approve claims and deposits. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: See attached.

New Business

Resolution Calling for Trustee Election

Kyle Goltz read resolution 0112101 to the Board. The District must formally declare that the board has two seats open. The election will be held on May 4th, 2021 and candidacy forms must be submitted to the county by February 8th, 2021. Skip Morris Motions to approve resolution 0112101, Resolution calling for Trustee Election. Kyle Goltz Seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Station 5 NEPA Process

Chief recaps where the District is at with the NEPA process for station 5. The District has spent close to \$6,600.00 on process and it will cost another \$6,500.00 to complete. The District will have 5 years to build the station once the NEPA process is complete. The current hold up is that the Forest Service deemed it a grizzly bear protected area so we cannot build housing with the station. Mike Gavagan asks Chief if an unmanned station will change the ISO rating for the surrounding area. Chief replies that we do not have the staff or volunteers to respond so it becomes a straw station. Kyle Goltz states that the District has been discussing building this station for many years and since the district is now halfway to completing the process we should move forward. Skip Morris adds that there is a movement down the road to delist the grizzly bears and that the district needs to look to the future. Skip Morris Motions to continue with the station 5 NEPA process. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Summer 2021 Intern Hiring

Chief is requesting the board to have a discussion about hiring summer interns this year. Last year due to Covid the funding for hiring interns was taken out of the budget. Last summer we had a lot of people visit the community and Chief is planning for another busy summer. Next Board meeting Chief will present the costs and line item from budget that funds can be pulled from. Skip Morris agree that the Board needs to start

looking at staffing for summer because once the park opens it will be terribly busy again. Chief states that the interns come from the Helena College of Technology or the Missoula College of Technology. Mike Gavagan states that the District should move forward but consider Union Contract issue with definition of Intern and volunteers. Kyle Goltz Motions to table Summer 2021 Intern Hiring until Next month's meeting. Skip Morris Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approve Tyrel Stoker for Full Paramedic Pay

Chief reports to Board that Tyrel Stoker has completed his FTO and Medical Direction has signed off on him as full paramedic. Chief requests that the board move Tyrel to his full wage, adding \$1.00 to his hourly wage effective next payroll. Skip Morris motions to approve Tyrel Stoker to Full Paramedic Wage. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. The Board also congratulates Tyrel for his hard work and completing program.

Meeting adjourned: 639 PM

Next regular meeting 2/09/2021 6pm