

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1802 hrs.

Board Members Present: Ken Davis, Gay McBirnie, Kyle Goltz, Mike Gavagan, John Costello

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, AC Jessop, Lindsey Charlton, Tyrel Stoker, Carrie Egging, Brad Wittrock

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda: No public comment

Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting: Mike Gavagan made a motion to approve minutes as written. Ken Davis Seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Approve Claims/Deposits: Ken Davis made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Gay Mcbirnie Seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: See attached.

New Business:

Station 3 Property Line

Yellow line on map presented by Chief shows the Districts property line. The Lindys are wanting to put in a new fence on the property line. Chief looked for property pins, then measured and they are exact. Chief asked them to sell us the area between current property line, and actual property line. Chief tried to meet with Marve Lindy over Labor Day weekend, he has not had time to meet with chief, he suggested a counter offer where the district will help pay for the fence where existing line is. Chief reports they are asking for us to pay for rails for the fencing, but if they are not willing to work with us on property line then we should not pay for any fencing. Chief is looking for thoughts from board. Kyle Goltz states that the district should not have to have any further expenses if they are not willing to leave fence where it is. Ken Davis adds that if they say they want to build a jack leg fence then they need to have both feet of fence on their property. Chief responds that the District paid \$85,000 for that property. If they say they will sell that 1/3 of property then we should not pay more than approximately \$27,000, its junk property and cannot be used for anything. This is going to affect our plowing and access to station 3 so we may have to look at different equipment.

Engine 1 Purchase

Chief emailed a link to the board before meeting to review the Sourcewell program. District is looking to replace engine 1. Sourcewell is a government entity in MN that go out and bid equipment to get favorable pricing. Companies can legally jump on contracts they are entered in and not have to go through RFP process. Many organization in Montana have started going this route. It is an easier and cost effective way of going with contractor and getting a custom built engine .Ken Davis agrees and adds that it is a well-known organization and thinks it is a great idea. John Costello asks Chief if this is this a matter of numbers where they bid. Chief responds that Sourcewell has already placed bids with all of the manufacturers and locked in pricing. Rosenbaer is my recommendation for building an engine; they are a local salesman out of Helena. Chief is looking for a motion to approve moving in the direction of a Sourcewell contract. Ken Davis Motions to pursue the Sourcewell pricing instead of a RFP. Mike Gavagan seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Award

Sprinkler System Bid Station 1

Secured two different proposals: First one is Slater Fire from Three Forks and the Second one is IT&M out of Helena, both proposals fall in line with budget for sprinklers. Chief suggestion is to go with Slater Fire due to previous work he has witnessed they have done in community. Mike Gavagan states it is a good idea to keep

proposals within Gallatin County. Chief shares that they did Little Rangers, Yellowstone Country Inn, Borashes property. Chief has only seen IT&M on a couple house projects. Mike Gavagan asks Chief is there is any chance to go back to Slater Fire and see if he would meet ITM proposal. Chief states the difference in pricing between proposals is that Slater did an on sight review and IT&M did their proposal based on photos and parameters. The project will not be done until May but we need to lock in proposal now. Mike Gavagan shares that he likes the idea of going with a company that you have witnessed work. Ken Davis motions to accept Chief's Recommendation of going with the proposal from Slater Fire. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Copy Machine Lease Upgrade

Current copy machine is having overages and we get a new machine for approximate 10 dollars more a month. Mike Gavagan motions to approve new copy machine lease. Gay Mcbirnie seconds. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Computer and Server Upgrades

Windows 7 is ending, forcing an upgrade. Our IT guy submitted costs to upgrade and we could save \$800 if we do a remote install. District will need 4 new computers towers, Computer Foundations can upgrade current server. We have \$6000 allocated in budget for computer upgrades. Gay Mcbirnie motions to approve needed upgrades. Ken Davis Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Local Bill Reduction Request

Chief explains that this reduction request falls outside our normal policy. A local that we transported in March is looking for a significant discount to make a lump sum payment with a credit card. Per policy we allow locals to pay an amount they can afford until half the bill is paid then write off the rest. Mike Gavagan states that if we do this then we will need to update policy so it fits everyone. The District has the hardship application and current policy for a reason. Ken Davis makes motion to deny Bill Reduction Request. Gay Mcbirnie seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55

Next meeting 10/8 at 6pm