

Hebgen Basin Fire District

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Meeting was called to order 1803 hrs.

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

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, AC Jessop, Lindsey Charlton, Cassandra Mitchell, Jamie McBirnie, Landon Zimmerman

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda: Lindsey asks for district to allow use of copier for printing flyers for Missoula Children's Theatre to help avoid the printing expense. Board approves request. Jamie McBirnie shares that raffle tickets on sale for Search and Rescue event at Napa or Westgate body shop.

Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Mike Gavagan makes motions to approve Regular Board Meeting minutes. Gay McBirnie Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approve Claims/Deposits: Mike Gavagan motions to pay claims. Gay McBirnie Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: See attached.

New Business:

Approval to Demo and Possible Purchase High Flo Snow Blower For tool Cat

Chief took the tool cat to Kamp Implement to have it inspected. There was a \$300.00 part that had to be replaced. Chief asked Kamp if they would allow the district to demo the High Flow Blower to see if it is capable of performing the job needed before making the purchase. The purchase of this item was not budgeted so chief is asking to use funds from selling the old plow truck to make the purchase if demo is a success. The total cost of the blower is \$7,850.00. Kyle comments that this is a good use of funds and that trying it before purchasing is a great idea. Gay McBirnie makes motion to approve demo and purchase of the high flow snow blower for the tool cat. Mike Gavagan seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Contract NEPA Assessment for Station 5

Chief reports that he is working with Forest Service on station 5 location. In 2014 they accepted the proposal, and that the District resubmitted the proposal in 2017 but in fall of 2019 they claimed to have no documents. Chief resubmitted the documents again with all the required paperwork to get processes started. Jason Brey informed Chief that they wanted to move forward with this but they do not know when the NEPA Forest Service people would be able to participate. Chief asked for the scope of what needs to be done. Jason informed Chief that the Forest Service contracts with Hydro Solutions and contacted them to see what it will cost for a potential NEPA assessment. They Charge \$20,000.00 for a full assessment and \$5,000.00 will start a phased process. The other option is to have the Forest Service do the work and they will charge anywhere from \$9,000.00-\$10,000.00. The downside to this is that we would have to work with the Forest Service's timeline and we will not receive a definitive answer as to when the process may start. Chief is looking for some direction from the board and recommends that in order for this to keep moving forward, the District should go with Hydro

Solutions. One of the NEPA specialists in Bozeman stated that they could start the process as soon as possible and if the District has to do a full NEPA assessment it may take a year to fully complete. Chief state that we already have money budgeted already for this process. Mike Gavagan makes motion to hire Hydro Solutions for up to \$5000.00 for phase one. John Costello seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting 03/10/2020 at 18:00

Meeting adjourned: 18:45