

**Hebgen Basin Fire District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 09, 2021**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

**Board Members Present:** Kyle Goltz, Skip Morris, Mike Gavagan, John Costello

**Also in Attendance:** Chief Grube, Lindsey Charlton, James Jessop, Jeremy Gallagher

**Recorder of Minutes:** Lindsey Charlton

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2021 Board Meeting:** Mike Gavagan motions to approve minutes. Skip Morris Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

**Chief's Report:** See attached.

### **New Business**

#### **Summer 2021 Intern Hiring**

Chief request Board approval to begin soliciting applicants for summer internship with the goal of hiring one qualified applicant. Last year the District did not hire any interns and the summer was very busy despite the country having a pandemic. Kyle Goltz states this is a good idea since he is hearing from the nightly rental community that summer bookings are filling up so the Town should expect a busy summer again. Mike Gavagan asks Chief why he only is requesting to hire one intern when in the past the District hired two. Chief responds that the school we get interns from went to strictly distance learning due to Covid and he is not confident there will be two qualified individuals. Chief also stated he wants to wait and see what happens with the union contract which will determine if the positions can be filled by some of our current pay per call volunteer staff. Mike Gavagan motions to allow Chief to start soliciting applications for summer internship. Skip Morris Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

#### **Yellowstone National Park Mutual Aid Agreement**

Chief reviews the history between the Park Service and the District with communications beginning in 2017 about entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement. Chief shares a list of correspondence going back and forth and the District has been told they are working on a contract, working on documentation, the park was finalizing a packet, and then the contract was open for bid. Chief submitted a bid and later found out that the park canceled the bidding process but never informed the District. Chief states in the last year the District has not moved any closer to having an agreement in place and he would like Board approval to put the park on 60 day notice of intent to terminate the current Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA). Mike Gavagan adds that we should send a letter stating the MAA will expire in 60 days and any calls after 60 days will be billed directly to the park at the per call rate of \$4000.00. Kyle Goltz states that the District needs to state what will happen after the MAA expires and agrees the District should cancel the current MAA. Kyle Goltz adds that he also spoke with Ken Davis about this earlier and Ken is in favor of terminating the agreement and feels very frustrated with the lack of response from the park. Mike Gavagan Motions to allow Chief to draft a letter to the Park Service stating the current Mutual Aid Agreement will be terminated in 60 days and any further action will be discussed at a future board meeting. Skip Morris Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

**Meeting adjourned: 6:40 PM**

**Next regular meeting 3/09/2021 6pm**