

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 08, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1803 hrs.

Board Members Present: Kyle Goltz, Skip Morris, John Costello. Ken Davis, and Mike Gavagan ViaWeb Ex

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, AC Jessop, Lindsey Charlton, Tyrel stoker, Carrie Egging

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2020 Board Meeting: Mike Gavagan motions to approve minutes as written. Ken Davis Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approve Claims/Deposits: Ken Davis Motions to approve the claims as presented. John Costello Seconded. All in favor .Motion passed.

Chiefs report. See attached.

New Business

Excess 2004

The District received one sealed bid. Chief opened the bid in front of board. Best Practice medicine submitted a bid for \$10,000.00. The reserve bid was \$13,500.00 but the District policy states that the District can accept or reject any bid. Montana State Law states no sale should be made without appraisal and property sold at auction may be sold at 70% of value if no bid is made. Chief states that an appraisal was done on the ambulance and Best Practice Medicine bid is within the 70%of value at \$10,000.00. Chief recommends to the board that the District accept the bid. Kyle Goltz responds that he agrees with Chief since the bid follows the state law and the District policy. Mike Gavagan adds that the \$10,000.00 is much better than the \$3500.00 trade in offer. John Costello motions to sell the ambulance for the Best Practice Medicine bid of \$10,000.00. Skip Morris seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Budget Update

Chief present current budget with revenues and expenditures for board to review. Chief will be making budget amendments in the future to properly disburse Covid funds received. Kyle Goltz stated that he reviewed the report and the District is sitting financially as expected.

Approval to hire paramedic

Chief requests board approval to officially announce open Vacation Relief Paramedic position. Mike Gavagan asks if this is only a Paramedic position or can it be EMT also. Chief responds that he would like to advertise for a Paramedic and see what options we have. Ken Davis makes a motion to approve Chief posting the Vacation Relief position. John Costello seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

HLE Well

Next to station 4 is a well that is tied to Hebgen Lake Estates water system and has high levels of arsenic. They are drilling a new well and will disconnect current well. The District will need to talk to DEQ about requirements, but it does have its own power source. Chief recommends to the board that the District should consider adding the well. The well currently sits on an easement next to the road and can run 100 gallons a minute. Skip Morris states that if there are any water rights the District needs to secure them. Skip Morris motions to move forward with the gift of a well process. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. Ken Davis asked Chief if there are any hydrants the District cannot access in winter. Chief responds that most are available, Fisherman's Village, Duck Creek and the one near Travis Mann's house. The District now has

equipment to clear out hydrants if necessary. Ken Davis adds that in the winter the hydrant at Duck Creek is not clear and it needs to be accessible.

SCBA's

Chief is looking for board approval to purchase new SCBA's since most of the District's current packs are 15 years old. Parts are no longer being manufactured in the event something needs to be replaced. The District still has 6 packs in compliance, but the 3000 psi is no longer manufactured. We must be 4500psi or higher. Big Sky Fire, Yellowstone National Park and Gateway have the high pressure packs. There are safety concerns about having high and low packs so Chief would like to replace all to the high pressure packs. The District currently has \$100,000.00 in SCBA replacement account in the budget. Chief would like to use additional \$ 81,000.00 in cares money to cover the cost of the packs. They will have a Lifetime Warranty. Chief recommends that the District moves forward with the purchase of the packs. Ken Davis asks if the current refill equipment can handle refilling the new packs. Chief responds that the current bottles are good for 5250 but we will need to update our compressor in the future to accommodate the new pack. The deal offered through Scott program is buy 1 get 1. Kyle Goltz states that this would be a good use of the cares act funding. Skip Morris motions to approve the purchase of new SCBA's. Ken Davis seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Radios

Chief request to table this discussion. Chief requested to have a special board meeting before first of year. The radios need to be replaced before the first of year to get the offered 40% discount. John Costello motions to table radio discussion until Special Board meeting. Skip seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Employee Housing

Chief is asking for two District board members to be part of committee with Town Council members to look at employee housing in the community. The committee will have discussions to address long term housing for town employees and District staff. John Costello that dealing with the housing issue is long overdue and the sooner we get started the better off we will be. Chief has had discussions about the issue with the Town manager and believes it will be ideal to partner with the town. John Costello asked Chief if the school, Park Service and Forest service are seeing the same issues. Chief responds that the Park Service just purchased 100 new dwellings to deal with housing bit the Forest service is having problems due to Grizzly bear management. Ken Davis adds that the school should be involved and invited to participate in meeting pertaining to this issue. Housing is a long ongoing issue and hopefully they find a solution. Ken Davis, John Costello and Skip Morris volunteer to be part of the committee. Chief states they are looking for two District Board members and two Council members to meet and share ideas for now. Skip Motion to add himself and Ken Davis to the committee. John Costello Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief reports to the board that fact finding has been moved to the 28th and 29th of December here in town.

Mike Gavagan asks Chief to review the Station 5 NEPA update. Chief states that he heard back from the Forest Service and the District cannot have housing built with the Station. The district has the option to wait up to 5 years to build after the NEPA evaluation is completed the additional cost to complete the evaluation will be roughly \$6500.00. Since the District currently does not have the volunteers to man the station it would not be good to spend the money to build another station. The District needs to decide to continue with the evaluation or walk away. Kyle Goltz asks if the district has a timeline for making a decision. Chief recommends discussing further and making decision at January board meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:07 PM

Next special meeting 12/22/2020 @ 12

Next regular meeting 1/12/2021 6pm