



WISE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT #5

Date: 19-Mar-2020

Trustees:

Marv Johnson, Chair

Liz Jones

Lu Kirkpatrick, Treasurer

Cindy Sorich, Secretary

Members/Public

Don Stodden, Fire Chief

Jim Gross, A-EMT

****Attention to Social Distance was observed****

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION
Opening of Meeting	7:02 PM
Public Comment	None noted.
Approval of Minutes	<i>The February 17th, 2020, minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0; signed by the Chair. Cindy will forward the approved minutes to the Clerk & Recorders/designees of Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Butte-Silver Bow with a cc to Tom Wagenknecht, Fire Warden, Beaverhead County.</i>
Approval of Warrants and Financial Report	1.) <i>The following warrants were approved by a vote of 4-0 : #1087 Montana Energy Alliance, \$684.35, propane; #1088 Jim Gross, \$184.41, reimbursement for ambulance supplies for Coronavirus/COVID-19 preparation (bleach, gloves, masks [en route], cleaning spray bottles, etc.) Detailed receipts provided. #1089 Cindy Sorich, \$35.00, reimbursement for PPE (EMS gowns); #1090 Vigilante Electric, \$69.23; #1091 Marv Johnson, reimbursement for ambulance drivers training materials & (1) exhaust boot for the fire trucks. Detailed receipts provided. 2.) Financial Reports: Both Lu and Sunny continue to receive the monthly financial reports electronically.</i>
Reports of Trustees and Staff	
Declaration of Nominations	Marv presented a letter, dated March 3 2020, from Stacey Reynolds, Election Administrator, Beaverhead County, informing us that "an election is not needed for the Beaverhead County Fire District #5." Marv & Liz will remain Trustees.
Thank-You Notes [Informational/Action]	We received a very generous donation from a community member who prefers to remain anonymous.
1991 6x6 Repairs (Sleeve Cap/Adapter/Air Valve)	PENDING warmer weather.
Used Floating Pumps (2)/Misc. Equipment	PENDING: Will be shipped to Butte. Lu/Lee will pick up for us when needed. Chris DeMelo will also be sending some wildlands fire fighting clothing for us along with this shipment.
American Alliance Insurance Corp.	Liz provided a written notice from American Alliance Insurance Corporation for non-renewal. This policy expires July 20, 2020. They will be transferring the policy to another carrier. We will await further information.

WR Fire & Ambulance Scholarships	The WRFD#5 Trustees recognize that furthering one's education may be cost prohibitive. By a vote of 4-0, the WRFD#5 Trustees approved a fire & ambulance scholarship process. Application forms are available through any Trustee and/or Fire Chief. Upon completion of the application, we will review it within 60 days at a WRFD#5 meeting. Assistance in the form of reimbursement for education and books, or used EMS textbooks, may be provided. Itemized receipts are required. The individual will only be reimbursed after they have obtained their state/national licensure. They also agree to contribute to actively answer 911 calls, when available, for at least 2 years in our community.
WR Ambulance Hats	By a vote of 4-0, the Trustees approved a budget of \$300 for the purchase of WR Ambulance baseball hats. These help identify WRA EMS staff & drivers for law enforcement, hospitals, the general public, etc. A suggestion for a bright color was made. Marv will take responsibility for this effort.
Fire Chief Report: Don Stodden [Informational]	1.) There have been no 911 fire calls since our last meeting. 2.) Wildlands training by the DNRC has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus; it was scheduled for March 28 & 29th. 3.) The Beaverhead County Commissioners meeting scheduled for March 23rd has been cancelled. Burn permits were to be discussed on this agenda.
Ambulance Service Manager Report: Cindy Sorich [Informational/Action] Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update	1.) Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic: Cindy provided a detailed update as it relates to the Wise River Ambulance. The WRA Medical Director has signed an order for a local pandemic protocol, effective immediately. This provides the WRA with a 'treat & release' option. Cindy has sent out a community email (March 18th) providing specific information (CDC website link, city/county health department numbers for Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Beaverhead & Butte-Silver Bow, and COVID-19 education published by the CDC, etc.). She is in frequent contact with our Medical Director, State of MT EMS, Beaverhead Sheriff Paul Craft, CDC via website, etc. The availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the EMS & driver crew is a concern. The EMS crew has given 8-10 hours this week to education & ambulance preparation. Cindy continues to work on multiple issues daily. She reminds everyone to check-in via phone with our shut-in, or those in need, neighbors.
Ambulance Service Manager Report: Cindy Sorich [Informational/Action]	2.) Pager/Radio Project: Cindy attended the March 9th Beaverhead 911 Board meeting. When the weather permits, on-site work will begin. 3.) Marv Johnson led an ambulance drivers training course on Feb. 27th; two drivers attended. 4.) Billing: We have two outstanding 2019 claims and one 2020 claim.

Fire/Ambulance Donor 2019 Campaign	As of our last meeting, the total was \$8,890. We have received an additional \$120, bringing the current total to \$9,235. Cindy has sent out 'thank-you' notes to all donors.
SOP/SOG/Volunteer Handbook (conduct based) Development [Pending]	Kate Dinwiddie will assist the WRFD#5 Trustees with SOP/SOG/Volunteer Handbook (conduct based). The WRVFC is working to complete their current Bylaws project with Kate.
Service Contract WRFD#5 & WRVFC/Next Steps [Pending]	Kate Dinwiddie will assist the WRFD#5 Trustees with SOP/SOG/Volunteer Handbook (conduct based).
Announcements	
Next Meeting	Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 16th, 2020, at 7 PM at the WR Fire Hall.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn carried at 7:41 PM