

**WISE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT #5**

Date: 15-Apr-2021

**Trustees:**

Lu Kirkpatrick, Treasurer  
Liz Jones  
Sunny Ralston, Vice-Chair  
Cindy Sorich, Secretary

**Members/Public**

Jim Gross, A-EMT



TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION
<b>Opening of Meeting</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Public Comment</b>	None noted.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>The March 18th, 2021, minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0; signed by the Vice Chair. Cindy will forward the approved minutes to the Clerk &amp; Recorder(s) or designees of Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Butte-Silver Bow with a cc's to Tom Wagenknecht, Fire Warden, Beaverhead County &amp; Beaverhead Sheriff Paul Craft.</i>
<b>Approval of Warrants and Financial Report</b>	1.) <i>By a vote of 4-0, the following expenses were reviewed and approved: #1139, A&amp;M Safety (two Halotron fire extinguishers [ambulance &amp; fire structure engine]), \$400; #1140 Dunne Communications (final payment from WRFD#5), \$1,250; #1141, MT Energy Alliance (propane), \$408.15. Detailed receipts were provided for all expenses. 2.)</i> <b>Financial Reports:</b> Both Lu and Sunny continue to receive the monthly financial reports electronically.
<b>Reports of Trustees and Staff</b>	
<b>Large Military 2 1/2 Ton 4x4 (Fort Harrison Army Base, Helena DNRC)</b>	Further mechanical analysis will be completed when the weather permits; mileage: 8,200. Conditions reviewed. Formal recording of the VIN & title transfer processes are being completed by Marv.
<b>500-Gallon Water Tank (Missoula DNRC)</b>	Jim Gross & Rogue Schonsberg have picked up the tank. It has been placed on the 4x4 for usage. They were able to obtain other free items at the DNRC (fire hoses, jack, etc.).
<b>Halotron Fire Extinguishers</b>	Two Halotron fire extinguishers have been purchased for the ambulance & fire structure engine. Jim Gross will place them in the designated vehicles & update firefighters.
<b>6x6 Fire Structure Engine Water Pump Repair/Replacement</b>	Estimate for repair work is spring/summer 2021. Current budget is \$6,500 for this project. We have applied for additional grant dollars to help with costs. Marv spoke directly with Sean Garner today. Sean will guide us in obtaining another vendor to complete the repair. It may become necessary to bring the 6x6 to the repair vendor which will require a chase vehicle/driver and draining of the tank for transport. Tom Goody has offered to power wash the inlet/outlet at the bottom of the tank to remove sediment in the air activated valve. Tom may be willing to assist with the management of this project if needed.
<b>Town Pump Grant</b>	Pending: The grant application process closes on 12/23/2021.
<b>Fire Chief Report: Provided by Jim Gross [Informational]</b>	1.) There has been no 911 fire calls since the last meeting. 2.) Yvonne continues to work with S. Paige to coordinate a free <b>Traffic Management class</b> . This class is open to Sheriff's staff, HP, firefighters, EMS, etc. 3.) Last weeks firefighting training included practice with operational equipment (pump, etc.), review of major ambulance items, Jaws of Life, etc.

<b>Service Areas (EMS &amp; Fire)</b>	<p>1.) Tracy Sawyer (Beaverhead) has reached out to Cindy for assistance in approving the Service Areas for EMS and Fire. As a part of the new CAD center implementation, the 911 data is being reviewed for accuracy. A 'Fire Service' area tells Dispatch who to send in an emergency. For Dispatch functions, every parcel in the County (including State/Federal) needs to be covered even if that parcel is not in a legal Fire District. In all cases, Beaverhead County Dispatch will summon a Fire Department to that emergency. Tracy's objective is to define the limits of the zones where Fire Departments will or can respond.</p> <p>2.) Cindy &amp; Jim Gross have reviewed and signed off on the current EMS zones. The EMS polygons came from the previous 9-1-1 system and there were no changes. 3.) For the Fire Service Zones, new ones have to be created by Tracy as they were not a separate item in the previous system. Cindy referred Tracy to Marv, Jim Gross &amp; Don Stodden, Fire Chief, for Fire service decisions. They have reviewed the information that Tracy provided, Marv has spoken with one specific landowner (Bill Johnson), and all have given Tracy feedback. 4.) Tracy will continue to reach out to us as needed for this project. 5.) Upon project completion, Tracy will provide updated maps for the district.</p>
<b>Legal Districting of WRFD#5</b>	<p>1.) If changes, revisions, expansions are needed, the WRFD#5 Trustees will need to go through proper legal channels/processes. 2.) Tracy is happy to provide maps, data, etc. as needed. This issue involves more than one homeowner .</p>
<b>Ambulance Service Manager Report: Cindy Sorich [Informational/Action]</b>	<p>1.) <b>Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic:</b> Cindy remains in contact with our Medical Director, State of MT EMS, Beaverhead Sheriff Paul Craft, CDC via website, etc. We are working within the framework of the Beaverhead County protocol. Cindy provides a PPE inventory to Beaverhead County as requested. Vaccination clinics in all counties are occurring. 2.) The ambulance crew continues to meet 10-12 times annually for <b>education</b>. 3.) <b>Billing:</b> In process. 4.) Due to our limited EMS staffing the ambulance service will <b>DIVERT</b> as appropriate.</p>
<b>Thank-You Notes</b>	<p>1.) Missoula DNRC: Curt Miller &amp; Rose Kirchenheiter 2.) Dillon DNRC: Don Copple</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, 2021, at 7 PM at the WR Fire Hall.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn carried at 7:37 PM</p>