

**BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

Introduction of visitors and guests

John Foster – Big Sky Fire Department FF/EMT

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:33AM

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Steve Johnson, Renae Schumacher and Tom Reeves; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Office Administrator

2. Public Comment – None

3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:

a. Approval of draft minutes of August 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for August 2015

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6114951 – 6115009

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda items of the September 23, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. Passed Unanimously

4. Fire Chief’s Report – William Farhat

See report included in board packet.

5. Correspondence

See correspondence included in board packet.

6. New Business

7. Unfinished Business

a. Addition of Big Sky Fire District to Big Sky Fire Department name

- Chief Farhat is corresponding with the attorney who is looking into the requirements.

b. Firefighter Hiring Process Update

- Chief Farhat reported that 120 people showed interest in BSFD at the consortium; BSFD received 45 applications. Approximately 23 of the 45 applicants that applied may be qualified.
- BSFD is looking to hire four FF/EMT’s (three to replace members who are leaving and a fourth to fill the gap in B Shift)
- Trustee Reeves stated that it would be useful to have information about turnover rates in other comparable departments. Chief Farhat suggested looking at recruitment and retention at departments in Colorado such as Vail, Eagle River, Park City, Steamboat Springs, etc.

c. Deputy Fire Chief Position Update

- Chief Fahat updated the Board on the hiring process for the Deputy Chief’s position. ESCI will provide Chief Farhat with a ranking of applicants.

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d. ESCI Master Plan Update

- Chief Farhat reported that ESCI is very close to completion of the ESCI Master Plan update.

8. Other Business

a. BSFD Halloween Event – October 31st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Chief Farhat reported that firefighter Mitch Hamel is in charge of the event this year with help from Alecia Fischer. Chief Farhat asked for help from board members at the event.

9. Public Comment - None

10. Date for next regular meeting – October 28, 2015 @ 8:30 am

Special Meeting on behalf of Big Sky School District #72 – September 24, 2015

11. Adjourn 9:31 am

Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Steve Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Board of Trustees
Fire Chief William Farhat
Local 4732
Gallatin County Board of Commissioners
Madison County Board of Commissioners