

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:30 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Steve Johnson, Tom Reeves, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Chief; Alecia Fischer, Office Administrator; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Big Sky Fire Department: President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Battalion Chief Pruiett, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Kendziorski, Firefighter Kammann, and Firefighter Bolton

Members of the Public: Deb Lewis and Matt Dodd

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda – None

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for January 2018

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6116731 - 6116806

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda items of February 28, 2018. Passed Unanimously

4. Fire Chief’s Report

a. See report included in board packet

5. New Business

a. New Policy 2018-1002 - updated verbiage for Ambulance Hardship Waiver

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve updated verbiage for Policy 2018-1002 Ambulance Billing Hardship Waiver.

b. Training Facility of Big Sky Water/Sewer Property by Big Sky Community Park

- Chief Farhat stated that he is in the process of having an architect, Eryn Schwehr, develop renderings to make the training facility exterior visually appealing and will present the options to Big Sky Water & Sewer District
 - i. Possible grant request for facility
 - Chief Farhat stated that a private donor may consider making a donation to help fund a training facility.

c. FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant request for new radios

- Chief Farhat has applied for a FEMA Fire Act Grant to purchase additional radios.

d. Spanish Peaks Foundation grant request for new extrication equipment

- Chief Farhat applied for a grant from Spanish Peaks Community Foundation to purchase two new tools; a Hurst S 700E2 Cutter and a Hurst SO 555E2 Spreader.

e. 2018-2019 Budget and Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) request

- The budget committee was appointed by Chair McClain and will be comprised of Vice-Chair Collins and Trustee-Elect Deb Lewis.

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6. Old Business

- a. Master/ISO Plan
 - i. Station 1 and 2 Remodel Project Update
 - Chief Farhat presented the plans that have been completed to date.
 - ii. Station 1 and 2 Remodel Financing Plan
 - Chief Farhat met with Joe Miller, First Security Bank in Big Sky, about options that are available to spread out the remodeling costs. Joe Miller advised Chief Farhat that BSFD would be able to have a construction loan during remodeling that would convert to a conventional loan upon completion. Joe also stated that he would try to keep the interest rate below what is commercially available as a means of being a good community partner.
- b. Contract Negotiations with IAFF Local 4732
 - Chief Farhat stated that Local 4732 has been very considerate, understanding, thoughtful and smart during the 2018-2021 contract negotiations process and it has been a pleasure working with them.
- c. Station 1 Land Acquisition – Updated Information from McBride Family
 - Chief Farhat stated that a quit claim deed needs to be filed to officially change the property name from Gallatin County Consolidated Rural Fire District to Big Sky Fire Department aka Big Sky Fire District.
 - Chief Farhat and the Board discussed the option of purchasing the Fire Station #1 property at 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky, MT.
 - **Motion Made and Seconded by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to give Chief Farhat the authority to offer the McBride Family \$100,000 for the land at Station #1. If the offer is accepted, Chief Farhat can move forward with the appropriate paperwork.** Passed unanimously
- d. Multi-year funding agreement with BSRAD
 - Chief Farhat advised the Board that the multi-year agreement is still being reviewed by attorneys.
- e. Deployment of firefighters to Thomas Fire in California Financial Breakdown
 - Chief Farhat reviewed the financial breakdown information included in the board packet to show the costs involved in sending the crew to CA. Also included are a citation From Montana Governor Steve Bullock and letters of appreciation to the crew for their response efforts.
- f. 2018 Trustee Election
 - Matt Dodd and Debra Lewis are the uncontested trustee elects.

7. Other Business

- Mara Mitchell asked if the annual board calendar should continue to be included in the board packet; all agreed that it should be included.

8. Public Comment

- President Foster expressed Local 4732’s appreciation for the good working relationship with Chief Farhat in the contract negotiation process.
- President Foster stated that it is the IAFF’s 100th anniversary.

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9. Date for next regular meeting – March 28, 2018 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:41 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
Gallatin County Clerk & Records Office
Madison County Clerk & Records Office