

BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF April 24, 2019

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:35 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Renae Schumacher, and Deb Lewis; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Trustees Carol Collins and Matt Dodd, Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief; and Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Fire Chief

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Captain Loomis, Firefighter Kammann, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Bolton, Firefighter Farmer, and President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda – President Foster, Captain Gras, and Firefighter Mohr went up to Helena for the signing of SB160.

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for March 2019

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6117600 – 6117659

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Schumacher and Trustee Lewis to approve the consent agenda items of April 24, 2019. Passed Unanimously

4. Fire Chief’s Report - See the report in the board packet

5. New Business

a. Community Wildfire Planning Assistance from headwaters Economics

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Lewis and Trustee Schumacher to table item 5a Community Wildfire Planning Assistance from Headwaters Economics until the May regular meeting when Chief Tetrault will be in attendance. Passed Unanimously

b. Community Wildfire Preparedness Day Event

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Lewis and Trustee Schumacher to table item 5b Community Wildfire Preparedness Day Event until the May regular meeting when Chief Tetrault will be in attendance. Passed Unanimously

c. Master Plan Update

- Chief Farhat stated that the individual heading the project experienced a medical emergency which has delayed the process. Chief Farhat is hoping to have a final report by the end of June.

d. Fire Chief Position Update

- Chief Farhat stated that he declined an opportunity at another department as the needs of his family would not have been met to the level that was originally believed.
- Trustee McClain stated that he will meet with trustee Dodd to begin the process of Chief Farhat’s review now that he will be staying with Big Sky Fire Department.

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- e. Request by MHP Trooper to live in Station 2 during temporary assignment in Big Sky
 - A MHP Trooper reached out to Chief Farhat regarding the possibility of staying in one of BSFD’s stations while he is temporarily stationed here.
 - The Board does not see a problem with allowing the trooper to stay at Station 2. They feel charging a small rent (such as \$100.00) is a reasonable rate to cover utilities etc.
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Lewis and Trustee Schumacher to have Chief Farhat contact the attorney to draft a tenant agreement for the trooper to stay at Station 2 and move forward, as long as, the union and crew members are in agreement. Passed Unanimously
- f. Approval of 2019-2020 Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) Rollover Request for 2019 Ambulance Purchase (currently funded by BSRAD)
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Schumacher and Trustee Lewis to approve the 2019 – 2020 BSRAD Rollover Request for 2019 Ambulance Purchase. Passed Unanimously

6. Old Business

- a. Station 1 and 2 remodel projects update
 - Chief Farhat showed a video of the progress at Station 2. Work at Station 2 was expected to be done early March, but should be completed within the next two weeks.
 - Chief Farhat did not show a video of the progress of the remodel at Station 1. Currently, the work is predominantly focused on the kitchen and office area. Station 1 is predicted to be completed by the end of May.
 - Neither station has a roof on yet.
- b. Records Request for February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - Trustee McClain received a letter from the Gallatin County Commission regarding comments Chief Farhat made related to the 911 system.
 - President Foster stated that he was asked to sign a letter (included in the board packet) that the Bozeman Police Protective Association and Bozeman Fire Fighters Local 613 signed and sent to the Gallatin County Commission, as well as, several other entities but declined because he was not allowed to present the letter to Local 4732 to get approval to sign.
 - Trustee McClain will work on a letter to send to the Gallatin County Commission acknowledging and responding to their letter
 - Chief Farhat presented emails and information regarding issues occurring with Gallatin County 911 Advisory Board (included in the board packet) to keep the board informed on issues occurring within the county.

7. Other Business - None

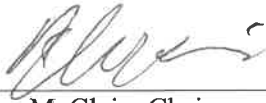
8. Public Comment - None

9. Date for next regular meeting – May 29, 2019 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:27 am

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Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Board Member

- 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 ✓