

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 27, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:36 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Matt Dodd, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Trustee Deb Lewis, and Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Fire Chief

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Captain Gras, Firefighter DuBois, Firefighter Rush, and President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster

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

3. Consent Agenda Items

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

b. Financial Reports for February 2019

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6117552 – 6117599

e. Correspondence

- Trustee McClain questioned if the Land Use Permit for a home on Ousel Falls Road is actually 7,000+ square feet or if that is a mistake. Chief Farhat was unable to access the file, but will verify.
- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Collins and Trustee Schumacher to approve the consent agenda items of March 27, 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 Collins and Trustee Schumacher to table item 5a Community Wildfire Planning Assistance from Headwaters Economics until the April regular meeting when Chief Tetrault will be in attendance. Passed Unanimously

b. Community Wildfire Preparedness Day Event

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

c. Transportation District Request to Co-Locate on the Two Rivers Property

- Chief Farhat stated that given the size of the facility (240' x 200') there is no feasible way for the Transportation District to build on the BSFD Two Rivers property.

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 month.
- Chief Farhat showed 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.

b. Station 1 and 2 Remodel Projects Loan Resolution and Adoption

- Chief Farhat presented the paperwork from Montana Board of Investments regarding the INTERCAP Loan for approval and signatures.

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- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Collins and Trustee Schumacher to approve Resolution 2019-1001 Resolution authorizing participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana annual adjustable rate tender option municipal finance consolidation act bonds (INTERCAP Revolving Program), approving the form and terms of the loan agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents related thereto. Passed Unanimously

- c. Records Request for February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - Chief Farhat stated that after the February 27, 2019 board meeting it was rumored that Chief Farhat had disparaged Jim Anderson which did not occur. A week after the meeting a copy of the board meeting recording was requested.
 - Union President/Firefighter Foster stated there is a working group comprised of Central Valley, Bozeman Fire, and Union 4732 to come up with a way to support the actual dispatchers, Chiefs, and being a safer county.
 - Trustee Collins asked if BSFD is required to keep recordings as an official record. Chief Farhat stated that it is a tool to use for the board minutes to be created and once the minutes become official record the recording no longer needs to be kept per Kim Christopherson.

7. Other Business - None

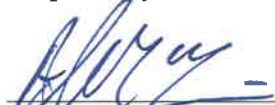
8. Public Comment

- Firefighter Foster gave a quick update regarding SB160 Firefighter Health and Safety Initiative, and that it passed the senate and is now before a house subcommittee.
- Firefighter Foster also stated that SB241 1% Increase in Resort Tax for Infrastructure Bill passed the senate and is also before a house subcommittee.


9. Date for next regular meeting – April 24, 2019 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:28 am

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✓