

BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF DECEMBER 18, 2019

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:31 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Matt Dodd, Deb Lewis, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief; Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Chief (arrived 8:41 am); Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Trustee Carol Collins; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Battalion Chief Sheil, Firefighter DuBois, Firefighter DuComb, Firefighter Lee, Firefighter Mohr, Jenny Muscat and Daniel Bierschwale from Big Sky Resort Area District, and Steve Johnson

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

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of November 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for November 2019

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6118090 – 6118151; including voided checks 6118061

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Lewis and Trustee Dodd to approve the consent agenda of November 20, 2019 as presented.** Passed unanimously

4. Chief’s Report – See Board Packet for Report

5. New Business

a. Presentation and Adoption of New Credit Card Policy

- Chief Farhat made some changes to the policy Rosie sent as a recommendation to fit more of the District’s needs.

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Dodd and Trustee Lewis to adopt the Credit Card Policy as presented.** Passed unanimously

b. Big Sky Resort Area District 1% for Infrastructure Application

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Dodd and Trustee Lewis to pursue the 1% for infrastructure with a revised application.** Passed Unanimously

- Chief Farhat will meet with Daniel Bierschwale to discuss once the application is turned in.

c. 2020-2021 Annual Budget Committee

- Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis will make up the 2020-2021 Budget Committee. If Trustee Collins does not want to be on the Budget Committee Trustee Schumacher will take her place.

d. Resolution 2019-1004 Calling for a Trustees Election – one position

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Dodd and Trustee Schumacher to approve Resolution 2019-1004 Calling for a Trustees Election.** Passed unanimously

e. Fire Chief Farhat’s Retirement

- Chief Farhat has accepted a position in Florida with the Orange County Public Schools as a fire marshal. His last day with BSFD will be Friday, January 24, 2020.
- Trustee McClain thanked Chief Farhat for the changes and accomplishments he helped BSFD reach under his leadership. He also designated himself and Trustee Collins for the hiring committee which was supported by the other trustees.

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- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Schumacher and Trustee Dodd to appoint Deputy Chief Greg Megaard as Interim Chief beginning January 25, 2020 during which he will be paid the same compensatory rate Chief Farhat is at currently.
- Daniel Bierschwale thanked Chief Farhat for all his work in the community during his time here.
- Battalion Chief Sheil thanked Chief Farhat for the 8 ½ years he has been here and recognized what BSFD was compared to what BSFD is now due to Chief Farhat.

6. Old Business

a. ESCI Standards of Cover Document Progress Update

- Chief Farhat recommended the Board request a presentation once the Standards of Cover is completed rather than just receiving the report. Trustee McClain agreed and Chief Farhat will advise ESCI or the request.

7. Other Business

- Engine 1243 made the Pierce calendar which is a huge honor and accomplishment.

8. Public Comment

9. Date for next regular meeting – January 22, 2020 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:13 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