

BCRFPD Monthly Board Meeting

June 21, 2023

Medora Rural Hall

Present: President Scott Hutzenbiler, Vice President Jon Klym, Secretary Treasurer Corey Simnioniw, board members Sandy Baertsch, Dwayne Shypkoski, Kasey Malkowski, Brian Buckman, Fire Chief Kyle Shockley.

Also present: Dean Rodne, Garrett Kessel, Mason Kuntz, Julie Reis, Cody Reis, Cody Armbrust

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 PM

May 17, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Dwayne Shypkoski made a motion to approve as read, Kasey Malkowski seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- 2023 NDFA Convention took place and Kyle was told by several that it was one of the best in years. Many thanks to all who contributed time and helped out with this event. All of the bills are in now except for Sandy Baertsch will be getting one more for the Ladies event. Balance as of board meeting for Convention account is \$5,640. Expect one more check to come in from the TRM Foundation for \$2000. They also helped cover one bill for \$850. There were two close calls for hole in one reward, ball hit flag pole, but didn't go in, so no car or half a car give away.
- Park Service truck due to be turned over any day now. The paperwork is ready, one final inspection of the truck is required by us for them to turn it over. Plan is to temporarily park the unit at Fairfield until it's decided which station it best fits.
- Fairfield radio tower is ordered and due in September 1st. Contractor will be performing soil sample/tests and foundation construction in the mean time. Expect tower to be built in several days as soon as it's delivered. The old repeater shack is still available, Medora didn't use because of it's white steel color.
- Planning for new Medora Rural FD, EMT, County building still requiring further discussions.
- Ice machine at Fryburg has been repaired. Photo/Eye sensor was the issue.
- MT Sales Rep for Medora water truck/tender was at NDFA convention and stated to Sandy, he'd send her and Kyle an update.
- Sandy brought forms for updating signatures cards at First State Bank.
- Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club and not the Belfield Sportsman's Club helped out at the NDFA convention's pistol shoot. Brian Buckman made a motion rescind the March Meeting motion to donate \$100 to the Belfield Sportsman's Club, Sandy seconded, all present members were in favor. Jon Klym made a motion to instead donate \$100 to the Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club, Brian seconded, all present members were in favor.
- There were no updates to report on aligning Forest Service and Billings County burn ban conditions.
- Forest Service Grant equipment all in except for the water tank.

Cody Armbrust
7-19-23

Scott Hutzenbiler
7-19-23

New Business:

- 10 new calls, 31 so far this year.

5/25: Vehicle Accident I-94 MM 36, 5/29: Alarm at new Medora Apartments, 5/31: Vehicle Accident I-94 MM 17, 6/2: Grass by Medora Park Shelter, 6/4 Grass/Sulfur Golf Course, 6/5: Fire Alarm Elkhorn Quarters, 6/7: Park horse rider injury, 6/10: Grass Fire 47th St west of Hwy 85, 6/11: Vehicle rollover I-94 MM44, 6/14: Fire Alarm Medora School.

- Discussed increasing automated alarm systems and false alarms. There may be a means to charge alarm service companies or owners for repeated occurrences. It was mentioned we're not at this point yet, but it may need further consideration as it increases in the future. Some alarms are actual, for example smoke from over-cooked food, but many are false. Kyle does have records of listed cause.
- It was brought up that the clarity of the page system is poor or difficult to understand. Both the system and also the dispatcher. It is an analog system, State is pushing forward for digital system by mid-2025. May help clarity, but is a complex system that will present challenges for adapting our current system with.
- Kyle has completed deputy training and complimented Cody Armbrust for doing a great job covering for him. Kyle is looking for an opinion from the board about the idea of the County having an Assistant Fire Chief and Assistant Emergency Manager. He gave a number of benefits and improvements this addition would target and achieve. The board discussed and there was consensus of support for this request which would need to go through the County Commissioners. A letter of support was drafted. Sandy made a motion to approve the letter of support, Dwayne seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Extra shirts from the NDFA Convention were available to members to have. About 110 shirts were sold to attendees.
- Dwayne made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Kasey Malkowski seconded, all present members all in favor. Kasey made a motion to adjourn, Jon seconded, all present members all in favor.