

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: Julie Reis, Cody Armbrust

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 PM

June 21, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Sandy Baertsch made a motion to approve as read, Brian Buckman seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- Check from NDFA for fire convention received for speaker and rooms. With revenue and expenses figured, the profit from the convention is showing \$6,920.54. Expecting one more check to come in from the TRM Foundation for \$2000.
- Kyle met Rod with Park Service truck and there may be some issues with the pump they offered to have a look at. Kyle said we would take as is, after confirming we have pumps that could be adapted if needed. Per Rod, the paperwork was supposed to be ready, but their administration said it wasn't yet. There is a light bar on the unit, a radio will need to be added.
- Fairfield radio tower is ordered and due in mid-late August per latest update. The repeaters are here in crates. Contractor will be performing soil sample/tests and foundation construction in September or earlier. Expect tower to be built in several days soon after it's delivered. The old repeater shack building is still available, or a new building could be purchased instead if that one won't work.
- Planning sites for new Medora Rural FD, EMT, County building still being considered. Commissioners did a walk through of all buildings during the last meeting.
- Still no update from Heiman Sales Rep on Medora Tender.
- A meeting is set for July 27<sup>th</sup> for aligning Forest Service and local County burn ban conditions. Forest Service, National Parks, State Forest/Fire, Emergency Managers, and Sheriff Dept expected to attend. Counties expected to attend include Billings, McKenzie, Golden Valley, and Slope. Kyle reported that the main difference from what's currently in place deals with definition of surfaced roadways. With warmer and drier temperatures on the way, it's anticipated County will issue a burn ban in coming weeks.
- Forest Service Grant equipment all in except for the water tank. \$14,722 in purchases, Grant amount to help offset once check clears is \$7,211.
- Kyle gave Commissioners the Fire Board's letter of Support Letter at the last meeting regarding recommending a Fire Chief Assistant. This topic didn't make it to discussion during that meeting with the heavy agenda and building walk-throughs, but is expected to be discussed at the upcoming July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Corey Simnioniw*  
8-16-23

*Scott Hutzenbiler*  
8-16-2023

New Business:

- 8 new calls, 39 so far this year.

6/27: Disposal Site Fire, 7/1: Vehicle Accident I-94 MM 23, 7/1: Grassfire Musical Fireworks, 7/1: Grassfire Musical Fireworks, 7/10: Ditch Fire Hwy 85 MM 62, 7/13: Horse stable injury, 7/13: Grass Fire Hwy 85 / 40<sup>th</sup> St, 7/19: Baler Fire Seth Murphy.

- Regarding Musical firework calls, a 1" water line is now pre-staged ran up the hill. Was challenging running it in the dark and likely fireworks will continue on.
- Upcoming Mah Da Hey Trail activities discussed. Muddy for a cause set for this coming weekend, not too bad because it's localized to one area. Two weeks is foot race, 3 weeks bike race set. Sherriff's Dept having 2 deputies and EMS 1-2 personnel close by to respond/assist. Hoping that with the staffed personnel to only need volunteer FD paged out if there are multiple incidents at the same time. Event organizers are to setup additional checkpoints / resting areas in between the longest stretches of the trail. 1 between Magpie and CCC, another between North Wannagan and Elkhorn Campground.
- Air pack bottles were hydrotested today, all passed in good condition.
- County Ford water truck stationed at Fryburg, operational/available again.
- County bulldozer currently at Thomas pit, may be going to west side of River soon.
- Dwayne made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Kasey Malkowski seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Jon Klym made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for next fiscal year, Dwayne seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Dwayne made a motion to set budget hearing date for September 20 7:00 PM, Kasey Malkowski seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Brian made a motion to adjourn, Sandy seconded, all present members all in favor.