

BCRFPD Monthly Board Meeting

August 16, 2023

Fryburg Rural Hall

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

Also present: Julie Reis

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 PM

July 19, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Kasey Malkowski made a motion to approve as read, Sandy Baertsch seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- Regarding the NDFA State Convention, still awaiting one last check to come in from the TRM Foundation for \$2000. Also looking further into putting something together to send out to families of memorial list.
- Kyle planning to pick up the Park Service F450 truck tomorrow as administrative paperwork said to be complete now.
- Fairfield radio tower may push out another 4 weeks. There was going to be a holdup on tower delivery until contractor paid 100% upfront. Contractor is requesting 25% payment of contract to help make this happen, which is reasonable and being addressed. Working toward a September completion timeframe now.
- A meeting was held for aligning Forest Service and local County burn ban conditions. Forest Service, National Parks, State Forest/Fire and the following counties including Billings, McKenzie, Golden Valley, and Slope attended. An updated 2024 draft resulted with what Kyle reported as some changes that should help in consistency. Several changes include when fire index level is High, Very High two-track traveling requires means of fire extinguishment onboard, i.e. minimum 2.5 lb fire extinguisher. No offroad travel allowed during Extreme or Red Flag levels. Another change is for the fire index to be adjusted based on the ND Century Code and Rangeland Fire Index, being more local/representative to our region. This draft is being circulated to the counties fire boards and commissioners for review and comment, aiming to be finalized by 2024 fire season. It will also be discussed and shown at upcoming Sheriff's Dept and Emergency Manager's conferences.
- Forest Service Grant equipment all in except still awaiting the water tank.
- Kyle presented to the Commissioners the Fire Board's letter of Support Letter regarding recommending a Fire Chief Assistant. They agreed to add it for consideration in the Preliminary budget, Lester Iverson requested more discussion before further approval, they will likely make a near-term call with the impending budget approaching in the next couple months.
- Update regarding Medora Tender inquiry from Heiman, there is a new Sales Rep for our area, and he will be calling Kyle within next week, Kyle has his number as well.
- Fire board budget meeting 7:00 PM Medora, September 20th at Medora.

Scott Hutzenbiler 9-20-23

Corey Simnioniw 9-20-23

New Business:

- 7 new calls since last board meeting, 46 year to date.

7/19: Fire Alarm at Medora School, 7/19: Fire Alarm at Elkhorn Quarters 7/21: Grassfire 2 miles east of Fairfield, 7/26: Grassfire I-94 MM 34, 8/1: Fire Alarm TRNP Visitor Center, 8/1: 2 bale fire Jon Redmond, 8/4: Accident I-94 MM 24.

- Golva FD / Billings County mutual aid agreement was presented and reviewed by the board. Sandy made a motion to sign the agreement, Corey Simnioniw seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Submission by Kyle and Corey needed for fire department Certificate of Existence. Kyle completed already, Corey will be completing by end of the week.
- Sandy brought attention to an increased bank pledge amount. Jon Klym made a motion to approve increased pledge, Kasey seconded, all present members were in favor.
- Sandy made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Jon seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Kasey made a motion to adjourn, Jon seconded, all present members all in favor.