

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

Also present: Julie Reis and Oscar Knudtson

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 PM

August 16th, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Brian Buckman made a motion to approve as read, Sandy Baertsch seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- Regarding the NDFA State Convention, we did receive and deposit a check from the TRM Foundation for \$2000, putting the account balance at \$9,865.82. Also, just about finalized on sending out something having FD and NDFA logos out to families of memorial list, cost being about \$11 each X 63. Oscar updated Kyle on one correction to the list. Following the last expenditure for the memorials, the Convention bank account can be closed out. It was proposed as follows: After the last expenditure is made, \$1000 goes back to BCRFPD for the initial amount paid to open the account, then the remaining balance will be split 50% to Medora City FD and 50% to BCRFPD.
- The F450 truck from the Park Service now ours is currently parked at the Fairfield station. The pump operates, because the truck was parked, not used for quite some time, getting it in for a service is being planned and replacing the batteries. It will also need a radio added as well. A transfer of ownership letter from Federal Government to BCRFPD was received, however it will take some additional time to get the title in hand.
- Fairfield radio tower, 2 clusters arriving next week. Soil testing completed, 15ft down slab and pier is suitable. Construction expected as soon as equipment arrives in coming weeks. The shack from District 1 Hwy Dept will work and is going to be used. Kyle will be contacting outfit to perform electric trenching following tower erection and shack placement.
- The updated burn ban alignment proposed for 2024 still appears to have consensus and is moving forward based on the past meeting with Forest Service, National Parks, State Forest/Fire and the following counties including Billings, McKenzie, Golden Valley, and Slope attended.
- Forest Service Grant equipment all in except still awaiting the water tank. Kyle and Julie mentioned check to supplier hasn't been cashed yet, Kyle will try reaching Jared for an update to make sure it's not been forgotten.
- No updates to report regarding presenting to Commissioners the Fire Board's letter of Support Letter regarding recommending a Fire Chief Assistant. Still being considered.
- Update regarding Medora Tender inquiry from Heiman, Kyle presented an idea to design the Tender to being very similar, same operation as the City of Medora FD's new water truck. His primary reasoning is that most of the volunteer members are seasonal or short term, join both Medora City and Rural FD, and for these reasons, it would help to more quickly onboard/train them if the units operated the same. The City FD's water truck is automatic transmission, PTO driven, pump and roll, includes the Diesel Kubota Pump, 3000 Gallon capacity. Possibly pump and roll wouldn't be needed for ours.

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Old Business (Continued):

City of Medora purchased new water truck through Midwest at \$385k, we could compare with purchase price same, similar design through Heiman.

- Kyle, Dean Rodne, EMS will be meeting with Paul Laney with Elevatus on October 20th to review building options on existing County property for updating, removing, and/or replacing buildings for Medora DEM, Fire, EMS, Road/Hwy, Courthouse Records, and related departments.
- Submission made for Certificate of Existence. Letter could arrive as soon as October.

New Business:

- 3 new calls since last board meeting, 49 year to date.

8/23: Bale Fire 2300 blk 131 Ave SW, 8/26: Fireworks Musical (Not paged out) 9/3: Fire Alarm TRNP Visitor Center

- Musical hose can be pulled next Thursday for Medora station meeting.
- The 2024 Forest Service Grant (50% match up to \$10,000) is due in November, Kyle and Board will begin considering what equipment to include. Farm Credit Grant due in October is slated to go toward Medora Tender in the works. Also a Roughrider Electric Grant due toward end of the year was mentioned too.
- Southwest Regional Tech Center offers junior and senior high school students Firefighter 1 and 2 training to count toward high school credits. BCRFPD is loaning gear out to Emmet Reis and Cody Shockley are taking these trainings. Board was enthusiastic about this program and the prospect of interesting new volunteer members by involving them early. Currently the bylaws require volunteer members to be 18 years of age, but discussion about reviewing this age requirement in the future may be considered.
- Fairfield Station meeting tomorrow night, September 21st will include attending a tour at the Little Knife Gas Plant.
- Regarding Presidential Library, construction of a large wall on top of the hill by JE Dunn and Winn Construction is taking place. Kyle met with them, some of the biggest concerns are Confined Space, so they are possibly setting up a meeting with FD to tour and review the site. Some of items discussed with Kyle included access being $\frac{3}{4}$ around the entire building, 30,000 gallon water supply, 2 fire pumps, backup generator, and organic constructed road. Board members expressed concern about there being only the single main access road (amphitheater road) and how slow it is to get a large number of people down the hill. Some alternate access road options still being planned such as to the west toward West River Road or an overpass by Chateau De mores.
- Sandy made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Kasey seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Brian made a motion to adjourn, Jon seconded, all present members all in favor.