

Present: President Scott Hutzenbiler, Secretary Treasurer Corey Simnioniw, board members Sandy Baertsch, Kasey Malkowski, Brian Buckman, Fire Chief Kyle Shockley. Also present: Julie Reis

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 PM

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

Sandy Baertsch

Old Business:

- Fairfield radio tower is up and still awaiting electric supply power ran to be operational. Kyle contacted the electrician again and they brought a trencher onsite.
- Regarding 2022 ND Forest Service Grant equipment. No further updates since Jared had made contact with manufacturer who lost the dimensions and we resent to them.
- Regarding the Fire Board's letter of Support Letter recommending a Fire Chief / Emergency Manager Assistant. Still being considered, Kyle will bring it up again at January Commissioner meeting.
- Regarding Medora Tender, still awaiting a proposal from Midwest for a Tender to being very similar, same operation as the City of Medora FD's new water truck, except scaled back on a few features we don't need. Price comparing then to be done between Midwest and Heiman. City of Medora FD has their new Tender now, Kyle looked at it.
- Meeting took place with Elevatus Dec 13th to further 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. Additional information is being gathered and sent. Will be brought up at February Commissioner meeting.
- The battery operated fan for Medora is ordered and due in several weeks. The batteries have already arrived.
- Board meeting dates/times are being advertised in Billings County Pioneer. First of three consecutive weekly ads was in last weeks paper.
- Julie brought discussion forward regarding purchasing software to move away from Quick Books online. She recommended a software program from Vertical Solutions that doesn't require all our bookkeeping to be online. It is a one time purchase of \$650 with before a 50% discount is applied. For annual support if desired would be \$90/annually. Kasey Malkowski made a motion to approve moving forward with Julie's recommendation, Brian Buckman seconded, all board members present were in favor.
- After consulting with the Deputy Chiefs, 3 of 6 sets of gear budgeted for 2023 were ordered. One set for Cody Armbrust, one set for Dillon Reis, and one set for Kyle.

Corey Simnioniw 1-17-24

Jonathan Kley 01/17/24

New Business:

- 6 new calls since last board meeting, 62 year to date.

11/20: Murphy bale stack fire, 11/20: Life Skills, Medora Fire Alarm, 11/22: Grass fire I-94 MM3, 11/30: Truck Roll Over East River Road, just north of Franks Creek Road, 12/7: Smoke north of I-94 MM42 Hay Grinding, 12/9: Medora 665 Doc Hubbard Drive pan on stove.

- We were awarded 2023 ND Forest Service Grant. This included extra wildland shirts, gear, and tools for the truck from the park service.
- Corey Simnioniw 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, Sandy Baertsch seconded, all present members all in favor.