

WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Call to Order: Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:58.

Roll call: All members in attendance.

Guests: Joseph Perry and Eddie Smith

Approval of August 20, 2024, Board Meeting minutes: A motion was made by McGrew to approve the minutes, seconded by Kauffman, motion carried.

Approval of September 17, 2024, Agenda: A motion was made by Kauffman to approve the agenda, seconded by McGrew, motion carried.

Public Comments for non-agenda items: There was no public comment.

Moran\Haas: Treasurer Report/Communications

County Balances:

June	Opening	Debit	Credit	Ending Balance
7220				\$376,968.42
7230				\$314,483.13

Moran stated that the county was under an audit, and it may be December before corrections are made to the accounts. The balances posted are based on revenue and expenditures documented.

Accounts Payable

FEC	158.00
NWE	27.58
Big Drift	500.00
DC Haas	5834.00
Ben Forman Mowing	500.00 (9.4.2024 & 8.22.2024)

Reimbursements: Haas \$59.74 file Bylaws

A motion was made by Dyon to pay the bills, seconded by McGrew, motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

- 1) Discussion/action: Homestead MOU signature page

The Board signed the MOU with the Homestead. Haas will deliver this week.

2) Update on FCO support on developing a Fire District

Haas explained that the county elections office worked with the county attorney's office to provide comment back on establishing a Fire District. A draft petition sheet is at the attorney's office and will be forwarded to the board once approved. A marketing campaign will need to be launched to inform our constituents of our plan.

New Business:

1) Tom: Update on applying Mill rate to Station 22/Homestead budgets, FTE funding

Moran discussed the costs associated with a new station out on Farm to Market and the possible fees to remodel Station 22. A tentative mill rate was discussed surrounding the infrastructure needs.

Executive Director Report: Haas provided details on the county petition process. Haas also stated a need for an aggressive marketing plan to provide information to our constituents. Haas asked for direction on the station 22 remodel plan. Haas is to contact an engineering firm provided by McGrew.

Next Board Meeting: October 15, 2024

Motion to Adjourn made by McGrew, seconded by Dyon, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52.

/s/ DC Haas, Executive Director

This meeting was digitally recorded.