

WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 09, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Board Meeting Purpose: This will be a Special Board Work Session to develop a plan for the future of the Fire Service Area.

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Guests: Eddie Smith, Scott Miller, Chief Hadley, City Manager Smith.

Board Planning Process and Discussion:

1. Engine Purchase, City MOU, bid process.

Discussion about the MOU proposal with the city. City Manager Smith explained several issues with wage increases, tax increases and a 2030 census and how that affects the city budget. Trustees will receive a revised MOU sometime Tuesday, April 16.

2. County Commissioner Packet with Classification Rates, WFSA Timetable.

Trustees drafted a rate increase plan. Haas will submit the County Commissioner rate increase this week.

3. Fire Authority Summary/update.

Haas discussed the development of Fire Authority legislative draft.

4. Mission Statement draft examples.

Haas to work with Joseph Perry on a draft statement for the April 16 meeting.

5. Need for a Consultant.

The need for a consultant to develop a strategic plan was discussed. It was determined to wait until the commissioners decide on our funding model.

6. Station 22 Maintenance needs, prioritize and budget.

Haas will seek sources for station cleaning, lawn service and bug extermination.

7. Planning summary.

As with the consultant question, planning will hinge on the commissioner funding approval.

8. Bylaws status.

Bylaws will have a read through at the April 16 meeting.

9. Subdivision Review.

Trustees will select subdivision review model on April 16. Haas recommends the ICC subdivision chapter Whitefish uses, as well as the Montana Subdivision review guidelines.

10. Summary and wrap up.

Final discussion for agenda on next board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Carlson to adjourn, seconded by McGrew. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2024

This meeting was digitally recorded.

Submitted: DC Haas, Executive Director.