

**Hebgen Basin Fire District**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2019**

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Meeting was called to order at 1800 hrs.

**Board Members Present:** Ken Davis, Gay McBirnie, Kyle Goltz, John Costello

**Also in Attendance:** Chief Grube, AC Jessop, Lindsey Charlton, Cassandra Mitchell, James, McBirnie, Landon Zimmerman, Tyrel Stoker, Mikee Stoker, Scott Newell, Justin Newell, Richard Moore from YNP.

**Recorder of Minutes:** Lindsey Charlton

**Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda:** No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes for October 08, 2019 Regular Board Meeting:** Ken Davis motions to approve minutes as written. John Costello seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approve Claims/Deposits:** Gay Mcbirnie motions to approve the claims as presented. John Costello Seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

**Chief's Report:** See attached.

**New Business:**

**YNP Mutual Aid Agreement Evaluation of Service**

Chief states that over the last couple of years the District has worked with park under a Mutual Aid agreement. Past discussions with YNP Superintendents led to District attempting to secure PILT Funding which was not successful. The district is providing a huge amount of service within the park and after reviewing the number of calls along with time spent it is now time for a different agreement. Chief presented board a cost per call evaluation comparing the District and San Francisco Fire Department, which has a financial agreement with NPS. San Francisco averages 157.5 calls and \$722,502.25 in revenue making cost per call \$4,587.32. Hebgen Basin Fire District averages 393 calls and \$1,563,364.50 in revenue making cost per call \$3,979.21. Chief would like to enter into a financial agreement with YNP to receive \$130,000.00 annually for mutual aid. Richard Moore speaks to Board and Chief on behalf of YNP. Richard states that Superintendent Cameron Sholly has been in his position less than a year and is trying to be briefed on all issues in the park. The park staff met with the Superintendent in late October and provided better information pertaining to the Mutual Aid issues. The superintendent feels YNP should move forward with creating a legal instrument that lays out the relationship in detail between Hebgen Basin and YNP. YNP contracted officers have the authority to make decisions and they recognize that to establish similar services inside park would come with substantial cost. YNP understands there is a need for Fire services for hazmat scenes and car accidents. When creating some form of a legal instrument the park would like to address billing as well as review dispatching and radio contact due to previous issues. The new chief ranger will be here in a few weeks and either Richard or Chief ranger will be partnered with contract ranger to coordinate. YNP is hoping to come up with a solution before current contract expires. The Park needs to have a meeting internally to review funding, review park regulations that are binding, review all existing contracts between parks and outside service providers in order to make an agreement that is beneficial to both parties. Ken Davis asked Richard if the Park Service is going to do more EMS transports. Richard responds that they have increased their EMS staff and have an ambulance outside the park for winter transports. Park Service has added a dedicated AEMT Paramedic to crew to assist with patient care from park clinic to BSMC or to meet up with Rexburg for a transfer. AC Jessop states that this spring the District had to turn down a significant amount of transfer requests due to lack of man power.

Ken adds that the district cannot have duty crew at an event at 7 mile bridge inside the park, then not be able to respond to local emergency in town. The district must have the staffing and manpower to provide services to Hebgen Basin and YNP. Richard responds that the superintendent hopes the contracting officer can work out the way the money flows. For instance if the ambulance comes into park for support, the park pays District for response and then bills the patient. Ken recommends that the contracting officer should consider that the District has to write off a very large amount of ambulance charges from patients providing false information. The dates that the west entrance to the park is open must strongly be considered along with the amount of work load on 191 during winter months. Chief states that the agreement the NPS has with San Francisco currently mirrors what Hebgen Basin currently does and this agreement would be a beneficial template. Richard responds that the park is currently pulling contracts from all over the country and recognizes there are less than a dozen financial agreements at this point in time. The superintendent's goal is to move forward by January with an agreement that fits the needs of both agencies.

### **Purchase of Hurst Extrication Equipment**

Chief provides board with handout about Hurst extrication equipment. Chief would like to purchase new extrication equipment and is looking for board approval. Total cost for edraulic cutter, ram, spreader and 110 power supply is \$28,950.00. District can fund this purchase by using dividend check from MT State Fund combined with balance left over from budgeted funds for paving project. Kyle Goltz comments that purchasing tools to make work load easier for crew would be a great use of dividend funds. Chief states that with this purchase the District will have a set of extrication tools on every engine. AC Jessop adds that these can be put to greater use beyond extrication by being used in backcountry if needed and can be carried on ATV to scene if necessary. Ken Davis motions to authorize purchase of Hurst Extrication Equipment. Gay Mcbirnie Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

### **Opening of Sealed Bids on 2003 Ford F450 Pickup**

Chief opened three sealed bids received for truck. The sealed bids were:

- 1- Robert Hartzog \$7,777.00
- 2- David Alder \$7,005.00
- 3- Jack Fangsrud \$8,661.00

Gay Mcbirnie motions to accept bid for \$8661.00 from Jack Fangsrud for sale of truck. John Costello Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:07pm**

**Next meeting 12/10 6pm**