

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

Board Members Present: Kyle Goltz, Ken Davis (Via Web Ex), Mike Gavagan, Skip Morris, John Costello

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, Lindsey Charlton, Carrie Egging, Tyrel Stoker, Kendall Carr, Kenny Jones, Ginger Culverwell

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Swearing in of Board Members: Mike Gavagan motions to table until next meeting. Skip Morris Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary: Mike Gavagan motions to table until next meeting. John Costello Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: no comment

Approval of Minutes for May 09, 2022 Regular Board Meeting: Ken Davis motioned to approve minutes as written. Skip Morris Seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Claims/Deposits: Mike Gavagan motioned to pay claims as presented. Skip Morris Seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Chiefs Report: See attached.

Chief reads the speech he gave to County Commissioners requesting PILT funding out loud to the Board. (See attached) Kyle Goltz thanked Chief for going to County and asking for PILT funding. Chief stated the request was denied unanimously 3-0.

New Business

Town of West Yellowstone and Hebgen Basin Fire District Interlocal Agreement Status

Chief informs the Board that the Town is once again claiming the Fire District has not paid for the building. Chief provided town meeting minutes, previous documents, and MOU showing that a reduced payment was paid to the Fire District over a period of several years and provided them to Dan Walker and the Town attorney proving the building was paid off. Now the council wants to review in formal meeting and Chief is asking Board approval to support Chiefs position and resolve matter with the Town Officials. Mike Gavagan motions to approve Chiefs position about Interlocal Agreement status and peruse resolving the matter with the Town. Skip Morris Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approve Ambulance Write-Off's for 2021/2022 Year End

Chief asks for board approval to write off \$86,668.74 in uncollectable ambulance billing. John Costello asks Chief what the write off percentage is. Chief responds that we bill approximately \$500,000.00 and we collect \$250,000.00. Lindsey would like to change the refusal fee for complete hands off calls to \$1.00. Board accepts as long as they still get to see the refusals for auditing purposes. Ken Davis motions to approve the ambulance write off's in the amount of \$86,668.74. John Costello Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approval to update Union pay scale as per contract Effective July 1

Chief requests Board approval to adjusted wages for new fiscal year as per Union Contract.

Mike Gavagan motions to approve what is already approved by signing contact with union. John Costello Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approval to update non-Union pay scale same as Union Effective July 1

Chief asks for Board approval to increase non-union staff wages 3%. Historically the non-union staff received wage increases the same time the Union Staff get increases. John Costello motioned to approve non-union staff pay increase of 3%.Skip Morris Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Next regular meeting: 7/12/2022 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned: 6:47