

Hebgen Basin Fire District

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

Meeting was held online and called to order 1801 hrs.

Board Members Present online: Kyle Goltz, Ken Davis, Mike Gavagan, John Costello

Also in Attendance: Chief Grube, AC Jessop, Lindsey Charlton, Carrie Egging, Cassandra Mitchel, Trustee Elect Skip Morris

Swearing in of Board Member

Chief requests that the swearing in of Skip Morris to be tabled until next month. The county has not sent the District the official documents. Mike Gavagan motioned to table the swearing in of Skip Morris until the June board meeting. John Costello Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Ken Davis motioned to table Election of Chair, Vice chair and Secretary until June board meeting. John Costello Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda: no public comments

Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Ken Davis motioned to approve Regular Board meeting minutes. Mike Gavagan Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approve Claims/Deposits: Mike Gavagan motions to pay claims. Ken Davis Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: See attached.

Mike Gavagan thanks Chief for all that he is trying to do in order to prepare the town for what may possibly come once the park opens. Kyle Goltz commends Chief for trying to be proactive and get Gallatin County to help with this end of county. Hopefully all these efforts will keep issues to a minimum. John Costello and Ken Davis agree and Thank Chief.

Old Business:

Draft 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget

Chief reports that he has not made any changes to the budget, it is the same as presented last month. Ken Davis states that the District's major funding sources are not going be, here so we should not put any extra money in capital improvement budget. Ken recommends that the District should save the funds in the event they are needed and hold off on any improvements until the current crisis settles down. Many residents of the basin have been impacted by the pandemic and may not even be able to pay property taxes this year. The District has three major financial sources: property tax, ambulance revenue, and resort tax. If revenues projected are down we are going to see a major financial hit. The reality is we cannot give raises to people when we are having financial short falls. Kyle Goltz agrees and states that the District needs to look at what is coming in the future in order to be responsible to the District and the tax payers. Mike Gavagan adds that the Districts priority should be to realize we are going to take a financial hit and we need to be able to pay staff along with bills. The District needs to look at being better prepared for what might be coming. Chief reports

that in the proposal he prepared for the state, he pointed out that 75% of the towns resort tax generated happens in the months of June, July, August, and September. Chief also reported that 75% of town's budget comes from that revenue. Chief hopes that explaining this to people in the Government hopefully will help them see the impact of the pandemic will have here. Ken Davis states that as Chief gets closer to setting the actual budget, the District will need to determine what we need to cut or place on hold. Chief adds that we will know more towards July and we won't be getting the District evals from Gallatin County until early August.

New Business:

Chief's Evaluation

Four out of Five of board evaluations have been turned in and found full satisfactory on all levels. Results show that the board unanimously agreed on contract renewal for Chief. In the past the Board voted to extend the contract for another for another year. Chief updates contract and then once board approves, Kyle Goltz signs. Mike Gavagan motioned to renew Chief's contact for another year. Ken Davis seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

James Jessup read a message from Jason Gras. Jason wanted to extend a congratulations to skip Morris and he did not make it to meeting due to having trouble logging in because the password was not working.

Next meeting: 06/09/20 at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 06:34