

Hebgen Basin Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Kyle Goltz, John Costello, Mike Gavagan, Travis Mann, Skip Morris

Also in Attendance: Shane Grube, Lindsey Charlton, Jeremy Gallagher, Ray Ball, Bo Lubke, Bob Kinney

Recorder of Minutes: Lindsey Charlton

Public Comment: Chief introduces Bo Lubke to the board members and congratulated him on his promotion from EMT to Paramedic. Chairman Goltz thanked Ray, Arnie and Nick for doing walk through inspections and catching things that need to be addressed that could be safety issues.

Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2025: John Costello motioned to approve minutes as presented. Mike Gavagan seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Approval of Claims and Deposits: Mike Gavagan motioned to approve claims as presented. Skip Morris seconded, All in Favor. Motion passed.

Chief report: See attached

Chief also takes a moment to read an email from a patient that was severely injured in a snowmobile crash on Christmas Eve. He wanted to say thank you to the staff and say they were terrific.

New Business:

Public Information Campaign

Chief requests approval to send out a mailer to the residents in the Rural Resort Tax Resort Area and is asking for permission to spend up to \$5000.00 on bulk mailers. Mike suggests hiring someone to structure the mailing and timeline. Chief states that the district needs to educate the public the importance of pulling the burden off tax payers and having business carry the weight by taxing tourists. Mike Gavagan motions to allow chief to spend up to \$5000.00 on mailings pertaining to the Rural Resort Tax District. Skip Morris seconds. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Bob Kinney speaks as a representative of the hospital district board and reports that 25% of the people were concerned they were going to see a hike in taxes. Bob states that his board will be able to help to with the public information campaign. Chief reports that the way this is structured the funding will be able to benefit the Fire District, Hospital District, Mental Health services, and to be a tool to help our community. This will be on the back of tourists not the tax payers. The businesses outside of town are not paying into the resort tax and its time they help with the expenses that come with tourist visitation.

Next meeting: 02/13/25 at 6pm

Adjourned: 6:28