

WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Call to Order by Board Chairman Carlson at 5:59 p.m.

Roll call: All members present

Guests: Scott Miller, Joseph Perry, Matt Lawrance

Approval of October 15, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Dyon, seconded by Kauffman, motion carried.

Approval of November 19, 2024, Agenda. Motion to approve by McGrew, seconded by Dyon, motion carried.

Public Comments for non-agenda items: no public comments received.

New Business: Matt Lawrance, Montana Creative Architecture & Design gave a presentation on a remodel for Station 22. Three options were presented 1) Mobile trailers to serve as a residence, 2) remodel existing building using the ambulance bay for residence and office, 3) an addition to the existing building. Matt discussed the pros and cons to each option and provided an estimate for each option. Matt will work with the board to build the bid process when that time arrives. Matt will provide an invoice for work done to date before the December board meeting.

Treasurer Report: Moran

County Balances:

Opening	Debit	Credit	Ending Balance
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Maintenance & Operations 7220:

369,024.32	24,449.10	(13,908.79)	379,564.63
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Capital Outlay 7230:

7320,556.25	1,383.40		321,939.65
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Accounts Payable

FEC	\$ 70.00
NWE	\$ 59.58
Flathead County Taxes	\$142.00
Big Drift	\$1191.20
DC Haas	\$5833.00

Reimbursement Haas:

Montana incorporation nonprofit	\$20.00
IRS nonprofit filing fee	\$275.00

Treasure Report, cont.

- Update on State Audit email: Tom provided an update on the corrections made to the budget documents.
- Review FY2025 budget sheets: Tom provided a 2025 budget for signature. Chairman Carlson sign the document for the county.

New Business, continued:

- Ed, Station 22 ISO rating at a 5 on city webpage. Ed provided a summary of the ISO situation from Whitefish City to Station 22.

Ongoing business:

- DC, Petition update: County legal is requiring a legal land description narrative to be included as exhibit A with the petition. Sands surveying was approached for an estimate stating it would cost 6K to 10K for the narrative. The board asked Haas to seek additional estimates from other survey offices.
- Joseph, draft web page designed to answer fire district questions: Joseph gave a visual summary of the petition page to be included on our webpage. Joseph and DC will work to fine tune the current summary
- DC, Fire Authority update: DC is waiting to hear back from Willis Curdy about a meeting concerning the draft fire authority bill. DC hope to meet with Willis in Missoula before the holidays.

Vote to hold December 17 WFSA Board Meeting. The WFSA Board will meet in December.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kauffman, seconded by McGrew, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by DC Haas, Executive Director