

WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Call to Order by Chairman Carlson at 6:00

Roll call: Moran, Dyon, Carlson, Present. Kaufmann, McGrew, Excused.

Guests: Joseph Perry, Scott Miller

Approval of December 17, 2024: Motion made to approve the December meeting minutes by Dyon, second my Moran. Motion carries.

Approval of January 21, 2024, Agenda: Motion made to approve the January meeting agenda by Dyon, second my Moran. Motion carries.

Public Comments for non-agenda items: Scott Miller asked if Station 22 is owned outright by the Fire Service Area. Yes, both the property and buildings are owned by the WFSA.

Old Business:

1. Haas: Update, petition, mailer. Haas recommended a mailer be sent out to explain the petition process to convert to a fire district. The WFSA paid over \$3,000 for the February 2024 mailing. Haas suggested that perhaps a post card would be more cost effective. A postcard would direct residents to our website explaining the fire district formation. Mark is to check on county resources for a mailing. Haas will check with the Post Room, that did the February mailing. The petition narrative should be ready for the February board meeting.

Treasurer Report: Moran

County Balances:

Fund	Opening	Debit	Credit	Ending Balance
Maintenance & Operations				
7220	613,947.58	65,577.32	(10,464.50)	669,060.40
Capital Improvement				
7230	323,201.77	1,163.89	(1,696.91)*	332,668.75

*Overpayment of interest associated with erroneous fund transfer.

Accounts Payable

FEC	\$91.00
NWE	\$344.93
Big Drift	\$500.00
DC Haas	\$6415.00
City of Whitefish, Contract for Fire Service	\$176,710.00
Grachek Insurance	\$3401.00
Tom Moran (supplies)	\$32.48

Motion made to pay posted invoices by Dyon, second my Moran. Motion carries.

New Business:

- 1) Station 22 update. A summary of the work session will be available for the February board meeting.
- 2) Montana Fire Trustee Association, Fire Authority update. Haas explained how the Montana Fire Trustees and the Montana Fire Alliance are monitoring bills as they move from committee to floor vote. Haas is meeting Weekley with the Fire Trustee Legislative Committee. Haas will also travel to Helena on Wednesday, January 29 for the Fire Alliance meet and greet.

Motion to Adjourn made by Dyon, second my Moran. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2025

Haas, Moran and Carlson stayed to participate in the Montana Fire Trustees video conference call at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by /s/ DC Haas, Executive Director

This meeting was digitally recorded.