

WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Call to Order at 6:08 by Chairman Kauffman

Guests: City Manager Smith, Chief Hadley, John Vandenburg

Motion to approve the May 28, 2024 meeting minutes by Dyon, second by McGrew, motion carried.

Motion to approve June 18, 2024 agenda by Dyon, second by McGrew, motion carried. Board moved the City Manager business to first item of business,

Public Comments for non-agenda items: No public comment

Ongoing business:

- 1) Motion to Amended Interlocal Agreement No. 20-42 with the City of Whitefish:

Purchase a \$700,000 engine to reduce annual contact percentage rate.

After discussion with City Manager Smith, a motion was made by Dyon to approve the Amended Interlocal Agreement, seconded McGrew, motion carried.

Moran\Haas: Treasurer Report/Communications

County Fund Balances, as of May 01:

7220	\$438,403.78	\$123,102.27	Debits	(\$6,708.02)	Credits	\$554,798.03	Balance
7230	\$902,311.86	\$ 3,138.80	Debits			\$905,450.66	Balance

Accounts Payable

FEC	\$58.00
NWE	\$192.32
Big Drift	\$500.00
DC Haas	\$5834.00
Reimbursements	
Haas	\$495.19
Moran	\$44.57
Other items	
Ben Forman	\$500.00
Flathead GIS	\$39.00

Ongoing Business, continued:

- 2) Update to Bylaws: After consideration of comments provided by Deputy County Attorney Randall (attached), a decision was made to have Haas reformat the by-laws and resubmit to Randall, for approval at the July board meeting.

- 3) Approve Fiscal year 2025 budget: a motion to approve the 2025 budget was made by Moran, seconded by Kauffman, motion carried.

New Business, Election of Officers:

Nomination made by McGrew to nominate Carlson as chair, seconded by Dyon. After discussion, a vote was made to elect Carlson as chair.

Nomination made by Carlson to nominate McGrew as vice chair, seconded by Kauffman, a vote was made to elect McGrew as vice chair.

Haas: Executive Director Report:

Haas updated the board on the resolution concerning the WFSA rate increase. A commissioner vote on the resolution will take place on June 27. If passed, the commissioner hearing on the rate increase will take place on July 11 at 9:15.

Sealed bids for the fire engine purchase will be opened June 28 at 3:00 at the Whitefish City Fire Station.

WFSA Infrastructure Plan is still in a working draft format, all are encouraged to provide input.

Haas would like to purchase a Sandwich Board, to assist with networking at public events. The board agreed to spend up to \$500 for the item.

Public comments on agenda items: John Vandenburg asked about the commissioner's timeline for a hearing and public comment. Vandenburg stated he would work with Haas to establish public comment to the commissioners.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carlson, seconded by McGrew, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Next Board Meeting: July 16, 2024

/s/ DC Haas, Executive Director.

This meeting was digitally recorded.