

January 16, 2024 Minutes

Call to order 610pm

Board members present-

Dave Kaufmann, Mark Carlson, Ed McGrew, Tom Moran, DC Haas, Executive Director

Guests- Jim Dyon, Joe Perry, John VanDenBerg, Jeff Smith

Minutes

October- Motion to approve as edited- Mark, Second- Ed, Vote- unanimous approval
November 21, Motion to approve- Mark, Second- Ed, Vote- unanimous approval
November 28, Motion to approve- Mark, Second- Ed. Vote- unanimous approval
December 5, Motion to approve- Mark, Second- Ed, Vote- unanimous approval

January Agenda

Approved by acclimation

Public Comments

None

Treasurer Report/Communications

Refreshed WFSA property data from Flathead Assessor

Spreadsheet received. Work in progress to edit for use. Tom will cut DC into the process when the editing is complete.

Flathead Co. Attorney

Attorney Dave Randall returned comments on Executive Director job description and is reviewing copy of employment contract.

MFTA Attorney

Currently on family leave

WFSA Electronic Upgrades

Zoom H4n Pro Recorder 319.99

HP LaserJet Pro M283cdw Wireless Color Printer 389.99

HP Pavilion 15.6" Touchscreen Laptop 699.99

Zoom recorder- motion to approve for payment Mark, Second- Ed,
Vote- unanimous approval

HP Laptop, HP Printer- motion to table for further review, Mark, Second- Ed
Discussion- Laptop purchased by Tom and has been in service for nearly a year.
Potential frequency of use by placing a printer at Station 22
Vote- unanimous approval

County Fund Balances

7220	648,355.05
7230	890.499.08

Bills Due

FEC	97.00
NWE	313.18
Big Drift	500.00
DC Haas	5833.00
City of Whitefish	169914.00
Board Expenses, office supplies	
Dave	12.98
Tom	45.76
Ed	319.99

Motion to pay bills- Mark, Second- Ed, Discussion- None, Vote- unanimous approval

Executive Director Report

Review Melnick Meeting

Begin scheduling meetings with Commissioners ASAP

Fire Authority Bill

Interim Legislative Committee agreed to take up discussion. Contact Rich Cowger for further details

WFSA Hoa's and Community Leadership Groups

DC has had contacts with Country Lake, Nordic Loop, Lion Mountain, Whitefish Hills, Elkhorn

Discussion: Potential use of the contacts: Forward meeting agendas and minutes. Tom proposed the community contacts be a first level of communication with WFSA stakeholders.

Ongoing Business

DC Haas Contract Draft

Reviewed Flathead Co. Attn. Dave Randall comments concerning specific aspects of ED job description:

“This (job description) is largely within the discretion of the Board; but I’d caution just to make sure the ED role doesn’t begin exercising Board authority without specific Board approval. This would be buying/selling equipment/property, signing WF City agreement, etc.”

Draft copy of proposed contract distributed to board members for review. Add to February Agenda

George’s resignation- noted. Motion to accept- Mark, Second- Ed

Vote- unanimous approval

Review procedures for filling board vacancies

Motion to approve Jim Dyon to Flathead Commissioners for board
vacancy- Mark, Second- Ed

General discussion of state statutes regarding board vacancies. State law does not address board's role in selection of candidates. Tom raised question of multiple candidates; introduced Jeff Smith as interested party. Discussion shifted to filing deadline for May election, with two board seats on ballot. Board agreed that if Jeff remains interested in a position, he can file for either seat.

Vote- unanimous approval

Community/Government Outreach

Final Review of Press Release

Approved by acclimation for release

Add DC to Outreach Committee

Motion to add DC to WFSA Outreach Committee- Tom

General informational discussion about the origin and membership of the committee. Following discussion: Second- Mark, Vote- unanimous approval

WFSA HOA contacts

Covered in Ex. Dir. report

Next Meeting: February 20, 2024

Adjourn 718pm