

MINUTES

THE CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 7, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. – BUSINESS CENTER – ROOM 201 (ACROSS FROM FIRE ST 1)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A motion to call the Meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. by George Stone and Chad Silk second the motion. All were in favor of the motion; Dan Callahan started the meeting.

2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

- **Member Present:**

Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD

Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD

George Stone, Terra Verde VFD

Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Chis Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.

- **Member Absent:**

John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner

- **Guest Present:**

Zach Osborne, Fire Chief

Jerod Gonzalez, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Jason Willoughby, Race Track VFD

Joe Pat Schalk, Race Track VFD

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Jerry Brothers to approve the Minutes for February 7, 2023, meeting. George Stone seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.
 - The February 7, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment on any Item on the Agenda

- None

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- March 6, 2023 (FY2023 Report) balance in the TIFID Fund is \$231,504.20 currently. Once those approved 8 radios from 5/3/22 are received and paid for, the balance of the TIFID Fund will approximately be \$199,504.20.

6. VFD Radio Update:

- Jerry Brothers stated, "Dunne has the radios in Anaconda, as soon as he gets them set up and programed, we can get them. I did speak with all the VFD Chief's it looks like we could get by with 15 radios. I don't know what the departments put in for their TIFID requests, but I have talked to Race Track and that would be 3 radios for them, 3 for Home Atherton, 3 for Terra Verde, 3 Centerville, and 3 for Big Butte. I didn't talk with Little Basin Creek, I don't believe they have enough men to need more radios, that's my opinion, not anyone else's. I didn't talk to Rocker; I don't know how many men they have. Right now, all their trucks are outfitted and have 2 radios. I

- believe they would be getting 1 of the 8 radios, I don't know. Walkerville is not in that 15 but desperately needs one truck radio, a mobile and at least 2 handhelds. I was hoping to maybe talk about ARPA Fund helping Walkerville out, possibly getting their stuff out of there. I don't have the contact information for the Chief in Melrose, so I didn't talk to him. At least we have an idea of what we can shoot for. If anyone wants me to take anything back to Fire Council, I will be happy to."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, the 15 you're talking about, is that in addition to the 8 we ordered last year?"
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "So, Big Butte for example would have 6 radios?"
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes, all together."
 - Diane Evankovich stated, "Race Track requested more than 3 radios."
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "They may have requested more, but I have talked to Twoie, he stated that would be the minimum he could get by with. Zach on that, I believe Big Butte only has 5 riding seats and that would be all they need."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "As far as the ARPA Funds goes on radios, I did write an email, asking questions. I was advised that the Fire Study of the ARPA is progressing and that I should not have 2 ARPA requests out at the same time. Also, I was told multiple times that Walkerville is not in our Fire Budget. If they want to put in for an ARPA request, it will have to come from them."
 - George Stone stated, "And the same for Melrose?"
 - Zach Osborne stated, "Yes, ant the same for Melrose."
 - Chad Silk stated, "Do Walkerville and Melrose have their own budgets?"
 - George Stone stated, "Yes, I don't think Walkerville actually has a budget, from what I understand that they handle it out of the general fund."
 - Chad Silk stated, "Oh, they have a general fund."
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "Basically, everything has to be approved through the general fund and they don't get anything, only gas and stuff. I have talked to the Chairman of the Board up there and they are not going to be able to afford radios."
 - Chad Silk stated, "So, Big Butte would only need 2 more radios, not 3, for 5 not 6."
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "5 Total."
 - Chad Silk stated, "That would put Centerville at 6 too."
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "I believe 5 would be plenty for them too, because of the 5 seats."
 - Chad Silk stated, "And they barely show up with 5, on an engine anyways, so, 2 there, Race Track and Home Atherton, would be 13."
 - George Stone stated, "On our (Terra Verde) request for TIFID we put in for 4, but that didn't count the previous 8 ordered from last year. We didn't know if we were getting any radios out of that."
 - Dan Callahan stated, "I have a question for Zach, who advised you that Walkerville is not part of the Fire?"
 - Zach Osborne stated, "Isn't?"
 - Dan Callahan stated, "Yes."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "Danette."
 - Dan Callahan stated, "Ok, because ARPA has nothing to do with Fire Budgets. This is granting money for the county, so why concern on budgets? You know it is two different things."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "It is for sure a question for her."
 - Dan Callahan stated, "I will call her and ask."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "Every time I have asked her, she has said we are separate budgets."
 - Dan Callahan stated, "I know, that is the same answer we get out of the TIFID money, same thing."
 - Chad Silk stated, "I imagine Walkerville could put in for an ARPA Grant, but as far as TIFID Budget and BSB Fire Fund, we are both Fire Fund. I bet Danette would have that answer to."
 - Zach Osborne stated, "Oh, she answers me in like a tenth of a second on TIFID."

- Dan Callahan stated, "I will ask her why they were excluded from the grant, when this whole thing went down, and it was for everybody. Why would that be any different than radios? They have one in the truck and one handheld out of the original fund."
- Chad Silk stated, "I think there was like 7.5 million county and 7.5 for the city and it was combined of roughly 15. I can't imagine why they couldn't put in for a grant for the ARPA."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, we don't need 15 radio? We are cut down to 13?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes." "Along with the 8 radios coming in, I think what the plan was, is to have 1 additional for every VFD, was that correct?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I think we were leaving it up to Zach where they would go."
- Chad Silk stated, "I think something that should be looked at is, if a department is not able to go, doesn't respond, that 2 might be good enough for them, and one from them could go to Race Track and/or Home Atherton. So, the 8 could be distributed a little bit better along with the 13 to make ... if everyone is trying to be as honest as possible. We just started with 15, and there are more requests than 15. So, less honestly somewhere?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I told them, I only want what you absolutely need, I am not going to argue with anyone about radios when I have my own feelings. If you want to come up and argue for them/requests, you do it. I just asked what they could get by with."
- Chad Silk stated, "I am just saying, it is something to look at."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, is everyone requesting more than they think they are going to get?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I don't know, I did this totally on my own and said alright, I want a minimum that you can get by with. I really feel that we are being fair. Boulevard show up with quite a few people, but they have their own radio through the grant. So that just took a huge monkey off our back."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Yes, it did."
- George Stone stated, "My impression was that Boulevard was going to get 4 of the 8 radios, through some of the conversations we have had, but that has changed now."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I don't know that they were really decided on."
- George Stone stated, "I didn't know."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We had talked about it, nothing was really stamped."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "As soon as I get the radios, I assume they will come to you, me or Boulevard. We will bring them up to you, and you can decide what you are going to do with them."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "I would really like the serial numbers from the 8 that are received and the radios and pagers from Boulevard that they receive to keep track of inventory and repairs."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, my question comes back to the radios, we have 8 that are sitting in Anaconda right now, waiting for...."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Waiting for Dunne to install programing set up."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We pay for them, right? My last thought was to give 8 radio to the 8 departments that had not received the radios, besides Boulevard. When you look back at even last year's TIFID requests, some departments didn't even put in for radios. So, are they ok with 2 radios? If they didn't put in for radios last year and didn't put in for radios this year, do they need the radios? I am confused as to why we would be giving radios, even 1 radio to some departments that aren't even asking for radios and other departments that are asking for radios and will would be giving them 1 instead of 2 out of that original 8."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I think part of the reason they didn't put in for radios was, they were under the understanding that the old radios would work fine, that is what we were all told. So, until they run into any issues, that the old radio isn't fine, they don't know they need radios, would be my thought."
- Chad Silk stated, "They are fine with the old VHF, we can still talk to each other on VHF on water supply and things like that. But the interior is where they need 800."

- Dan Callahan stated, “They have had more than one situation where they were on the wrong stations, and dispatch doesn’t monitor VHF no more.”
- Chad Silk stated, “No, the IC would, if I am the IC on scene and establishing water supply, I am assigning the fire channel to Fire 4 probably, because I know everyone has Fire 4 in that first bank and it is on the 800’s, and it’s on the mobiles and the old radios. So, when we say that some of the radios do work, they definitely still do work. They just don’t have tack 1 and BF primary, which I don’t want anyone on water supply even talking on primary or 800 at all, I want them on a totally different channel, which we have done, and it has worked. That is something maybe we need to do a better job of, but it is like the old pagers, you still get the page, but you can’t listen, which it still works, the luxury to be able to listen is I guess is why the requests of the more expensive pagers. I just think we need to train on it. Any time you are interior 800 for sure.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “You absolutely need 800 on the outside too. The M&M fire, the people in the back could not radio the people in the front saying you are shooting over the building into the next building.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Did they not have the 2 radios?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I have no idea who was there I am just saying the people on the outside need them too.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Not all the time.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “When you do need them, you need them.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Train with them and use the highest power VHF best repeated channel and works a lot better. We only used Fire 4 toward the outsides or out of the city. If we use that more even here, it would be better. Plus, we have VHF repeaters still on Engine 1 and 2, we have options, we just need to train and be better about getting together and doing that, instead of blaming that they don’t work, because they do, that was the whole system.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Are you monitoring both when you are the IC?”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, have too, if I am going to assign a radio channel.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “From my side listening to it, it is a total mess and I think training would be the thing.”
- Chad Silk stated, “If we are talking about safety, the radios are not going to make everyone safer, SCBA will not make everyone safer, it is training and always comes back to training. I want to make sure in the minutes that it is clear that anyone who is interior, in an interior firefighting operation needs 800, we are not saying that people do not need 800’s. But what I am saying, not everyone needs an 800 radio, and they will still be safe enough. Honestly, even in a Tender and you are the one driving the Tender, you don’t need a handheld, potentially, it would be nice to have one. If you are on the whole VHF system that works fine, if you are in the truck, you got both, because you have the mobile radio in there, but having the old VHF great people are driving the Tenders around doing water supply, heck, VHF totally fine.”
- Chris Mjelde stated, “There is dead spots around the county where the 800 don’t read. I think it is important to know that the 800’s are not “the” answer or the best thing out there, it is better in some ways but...I know Rocker has a few dead spots and a few others, it just important to remember.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Joel did you get 8 radios?”
- Joel Worth stated, “We got 9 radios.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “You got 9 radios, so you will have 11.”
- Joel Worth stated, “We order 9 radios and 8 for you guys.”
- Chad Silk stated, “It is all in training, no one at this table want anyone hurt, I can’t stress that enough. We just need to understand and listen and not argue because everyone wants the same thing. It is not trying to take away from anyone or anything. Being on this side and being in charge of incidents and knowing if something bad was to happen and it going to the top or if it is in your district or your

district, it is probably coming right here to him (Zach). We all want the same thing and just getting there is the problem.”

- Jerry Brothers stated, “We really have to concentrate on training on the radios, if you’re in my district I don’t know how to monitor both, going back and forth.”
- Chad Silk stated, “If we are at a structure fire and we go to one of your guy’s districts and I am there. I am going to assume command and will run it, because I have run emergency operations before, that is not the time to say this is my district and that I am in charge, at all. We want to talk about safety risks. I will do that monitoring because that is my job. I have done it before, and it needs to happen. So, if we don’t know how to do it, let someone who knows how to do it. Also, in the meantime train on it. I think the next training should be on radio training.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “It will be cold any how and we should do training on the radios.”
- Chad Silk stated, “It won’t take long, it is just getting on the same page.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Dispatch should still be monitoring VHF and it has been brought up to them before.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Can we put someone in charge in check up on this.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I know they are not; they just don’t have the people.”
- Chad Silk stated, “That is how it has always been.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “It needs to be brought up again, it is a safety issue, they can’t just ignore our communications. If it is the case of manpower maybe, they need to look into more manpower.”

7. VFD IT Committee Update:

- Jerry Brothers stated, “All the Chief’s got together and decided to wait for the eDispatch install until CAD is in place for a couple of months, before we add it to it. Has anyone heard anything different?”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “No, I think you said you were going to wait because it would be cheaper or cost less if you waited.”
- George Stone stated, “I think one of the things is we wanted to wait because we would have enough of a mess with history holds true. The CAD system switch is not going to be glitch free. So, rather than adding another thing in there, we will wait a little bit, and be more stable than look at eDispatch.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Did they say it would work better with the CAD system live? Or would it function the same and get the same information it is just cheaper if you waited until CAD?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “If we could upgrade now, we would have to get 2 separate scanners and there is more that dispatch has to do to control it.”
- George Stone stated, “The way I understood it, was once the CAD system is in and we hook up to the CAD system via internet, we don’t need the scanners, basically it would go straight out where it is programmed out of the CAD system. They can set it up, so it goes to an email address or something like that or eDispatch’s email or server and fired back out from there.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “We will have to sit down and talk to them about that, again the paging system is what sends out the notification which is VHF which is separate from CAD.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “We would only have to have 1 scanner at dispatch and everything else would come through the CAD system.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Is there any way to keep the old pagers? And then if you wanted to listen to have the phone app or the CAD system information? Does it send the rest of the information?”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “I don’t know 100% of what it sends over, it should send call nature, time.”
- George Stone stated, “It sends a text out, from what I understand.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “You should get the recording.”
- George Stone stated, “But we have to wait on the CAD system basically right now they are not typing it in for part of the dispatch as they go, aren’t they doing it after the fact a little bit?”

- Lee Sullivan stated, “For like when a call rings out?”
- George Stone stated, “Yes.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “They should do it initially, it should say address and nature of the call.”
- George Stone stated, “They are saying it verbally, but are they typing?”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “They should be typing that in because it would pull up where that location is automatically with the GIS map and would dispatch from there and after they put in the specific details.”
- George Stone stated, “But, it doesn’t do that at the present, with the new system it does that.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Yes, it should, I don’t know what swift does, to be honest. The new one they will have to go through the steps in order to get that process to go. You should get that immediately once CAD has processed information. Another topic is internet at the stations, we will have to go through IT and have that set up and have that reliability at each station. Wherever that system is set up will have to have a hard line set up to it. If it is at dispatch great.”
- George Stone stated, “The plan is to go through dispatch, theoretically they should never be down, power wise anyway. None of the stations are set up for battery backup or backup generator type of thing.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Do you have anyone in charge of managing that eDispatch System? Or are you letting dispatcher to be able to control it, and entering and deleting emails of volunteers?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “As of this moment everything goes through Boulevard, because they are running Iamresponding and I will get and give all of my information to and when we get it set up at dispatch, we will have to manually input emails and then it will be automatic from then on. Could we request someone from dispatch to attend the next meeting and explain what they are doing and maybe what we are doing wrong? Once the system is set up dispatch must add and delete volunteers. It is hard to get into dispatch.”
- George Stone stated, “We will have to be careful when setting eDispatch up, we will have to have a member of dispatch sitting in with us because you can set up subs and if you set everyone up the same it creates a problem. You can set up sub accounts and have different priorities levels to different people etc.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Zach I did talk to Spectrum, Big Butte, Centerville, Race Track, Home Atherton, Boulevard and (Walkerville, not in our budget) can get Spectrum. Next year or within a year it is going into Rocker, and Terra Verde is the only one they don’t have set up for Spectrum. Terra Verde could get satellite, that guy is the one on S. Harrison where MHD used to be and I guess they are phenomenal, just for your information.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Who is BSB with right now, T-Mobile?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “One of our departments is on Spectrum, some are on Century Link, and some are not on anything, it is a mess.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I have got to hand it to everybody working on this, everyone has taken little bites and it is working, with the trucks and all the stuff and the stuff you’re doing, all these little steps are helping.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Like I said at the last meeting, what is hard when you are getting bills from different places and you don’t know what building it is going to, some still have hard lines, that are we paying for the phone or is the phone only there for the internet, some have Spectrum, some are trying to get Spectrum, some can’t get the internet we have been told. Like I said at the last meeting, the last time I had talked to Kathy Kenison, what she said is, what their plan is, is that all government buildings will be under this new provider that is coming and that is all I got.”
- George Stone stated, “Is that the new fiberoptic one?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “K2 something and will they be able to go to all of our buildings and volunteer departments? Is this in three months or years, I am not positive? But I will keep in contact with her, she is out of the office this week.”

- George Stone stated, “We have a phone, but it doesn’t work.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “We are paying for a phone that doesn’t work?”
- George Stone stated, “I would have to take the time to check the wiring to see if or when they redid the siding they may have messed up. It seems about the time when the phone quit working. They may have messed up the wiring and needs to be fixed.”

8. Training Updates:

- Chad Silk stated, “We had a training on March 1st there is 2022 and 2023 Training reports for your review, states what departments showed up and I will try a keep a record of how many members from the departments showed up. Maybe I will have a sheet so we can mark just how many members from each department there are, because sometimes it is hard to tell what department they are from. The report is similar to the Call Volume Report. This week we worked on mask up drills and scan and advance practices, basically went up into the back garage moved hose line through and around trucks in the garage. Masked up at the door before we went in, followed the wall in the dark and practiced moving hose. When the volunteers show up, after we get passed a certain point, they might start helping us move line through a house or building, things like that. That is part of the interior operations. Next month or in a couple of weeks, we might as well do radios. Then hopefully in April it will warm up a bit. The people who participated did really good; it was really good training. We talked to the Chiefs at the very beginning of this, it is the training we do with the volunteers, having interior and exterior operations not everyone would be doing this training or doing this in the real world, but if you were to do it, this would be helping us. It was good and I think they enjoyed it, quick and straight to the point.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Chad would you put together a sign in sheet for this?”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, I can do a excel sheet. I don’t need names, for example Home Atherton and just mark down 5, that would be the easiest. Maybe we could do the training at the Training Center?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That would be fine, anytime.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Radio training for the space and it would be inside. I will talk to some people and make sure it works on some dates and do the mass email again, are you getting those?”
- George Stone stated, “Yes.”

9. Call Volume Report:

- Diane Evankovich stated, “2023 Call Reporting provided for review, many non-reporting departments.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “If we are going to keep putting this Call Volume Report on the agenda make sure we try and get those call volumes numbers updated within a reasonable amount of time, so we have something to look at.”
- Chad Silk stated, “So, the blank spaces are no report?”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “Yes.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “There are more people not reporting than are, is there any uniform time when they should turn these reports in?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “A few of the departments are good about the first week of March for receiving February’s, that is helpful because the first week is when we have these meetings.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Say they turn in the reports do we revise this report?”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “Yes.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Yes she will add them in, if you are a month behind that’s okay, when looking at this report, but we really should have January’s report by now.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I will bring it up again at Fire Council.”

10. Requested apparatus information collected:

- Diane asked all departments to report on their apparatus' gallons, gallons per minute and riding positions. Little Basin Creek stated some information, but stated they don't have enough members to fill all available seats, only in 3 of their apparatus so that information really doesn't mean anything. Diane filled in what the average riding seats would be."
- Chad Silk stated, "This information would be nice to have, if you could bring this up at Fire Council Jerry. We really appreciate the honesty but need the information. This is one of the steps Fire Advisory should have taken years ago along with the district boundaries and riding seats. That is what I was talking about with the 8 radios, we should really think about distributing those 8 radios right away to the departments that need them right away."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Little Basin Creek arrived on scene 1 time in 2022."
- George Stone stated, "1 time?"
- Chad Silk stated, "That is tough."
- Zach Osborne stated, "2023 may be different, the next call maybe them arriving, I don't want to take that away, but again we have less than \$200,000.00 left in the TIFID, spending it as wisely as we can is our priority."

11. 2023 Equipment & Training Fund Request Forms

- Received, Equipment Requests from: Big Butte VFD, Boulevard VFD, Centerville VFD, BSB Career Department, Home Atherton VFD, Race Track VFD, and Terra Verde VFD. Copies of the requests were handed out to each Fire Advisory member to be reviewed.
- Chad Silk stated, "Do we just want to pick one and read through it?"
- George Stone stated, "Did it say April we were supposed to go over them?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Just handing them out?"
- George Stone stated, "Oh, the Chief's could be here in April, if we had any questions reviewing them, right? I thought I read that somewhere."
- Chad Silk stated, "No, not to vote on tonight just read them?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "He would like to go over them himself."
- Zach Osborne stated, "What have we decided, are we going over them?"
- Dan Callahan stated, "We need some time to go over them."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "On the request form itself, it states "A representative from the department submitting a funding request may be requested to attend the Fire Advisory Committee on April 4, 2023, at 5:30pm if there are questions by the committee or further explanation is needed.""
- Dan Callahan stated, "They should come and explain, it shouldn't be us deciding why they need their needs, on some stuff we can but....."
- Chad Silk stated, "I agree."
- Chris Mjelde stated, "We have a few Department heads here now if we have any questions."
- George Stone stated, "I guess we could do that."
- Chad Silk stated, "We have 5 here."
- Dan Callahan stated, "We are going to have to hash out, we can go through and say yes, until the very end and find out what the total amount it is, then we will have to decide. What is our goal this year regarding how much we are spending? What is the most important?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "It appears we are over the \$200,000.00."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "What is the total has anyone figure it out?"
- Diane Evankovich stated, "I will by next meeting."

- Zach Osborne stated, “I would hate to think this was it. That just scares me.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Once we go through these we will know more.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Ok, review until next month.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Zach have you changed your option on pagers? Can we put in for pagers?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Against them right now until we figure out how eDispatch works.”
- Joel Worth stated, “All the requests I added up came up to \$167,755.00.”
- Everyone wanted to take home the requests to review and discuss at the next meeting.
- Jerry Brother stated, “Tomorrow night at the Elks from 5-8 there is a volunteer Firemen appreciation dinner. The Elk’s is putting it on, spaghetti, chicken, roll and dessert at \$14.00 a plate. We would like everyone who can come to come. We will get some kind of return on it minus the cost.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I have a question on the training boxes, I see that they are on a trailer, are they being moved?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “They are being moved over right when you first go down to the cemetery there, we don’t have a date. You can’t use them right now at all. We ask and ask and when he gets time, he will do it.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “We lost that location, right?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes, they will go just across the tracks, behind the Training Center.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “March 25th we have Dr. David Griffin coming in to do an 8-hour presentation/speech at the Butte Depot. He came to the Convention last year at the Copper King. I have heard a lot of speakers and he is by far the best person I have ever heard speak. We got some grant money to bring him in to give a speech. I will send out an email to all the Chief’s with how you sign up, it is not a requirement but will give us an idea of how many seats to prepare for. Everyone is invited, I will not be there, I will be in Billings for a wrestling tournament. Pretty bummed out, he is a pretty special dude, he is Charleston Nine, he was the one on the pump panel and couldn’t get water out of the truck and guys are killed and blames himself. He tells you the whole story of what happened. It is pretty awesome. He is not only going over that story, but also over response, being accountable, leadership and all kinds of stuff. Tell the Chief’s to look for that email, click on the link, say you’re coming with how many people.”

12. Zach Osborne stated, “I will not be able to make it to the next meeting on April 4, 2023, you can have the meeting without me. If you want me here, we will have to change the date. George Stone motioned to have the next meeting on April 11, 2023, Lee Sullivan and Chad Silk seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next meeting will be April 11, 2023.

13. Chad Silk made a motion to adjourn, George Stone seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. Next meeting is April 11, 2023, Business Center Room 201 (across from Station 1) at 5:30 pm

THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVISES THE BSB DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES