

FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan P. Olsen.

Members Present:

Jerry Brothers, *Home Atherton VFD*
Dan Callahan, *BSB Commissioner #12*
Patrick Doherty, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*
Michael Hoyt, *Little Basin Creek VFC*
Chris Mjelde, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*
Dan Olsen, *BSB Commissioner #5*
Chad Silk, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*

Guests Present:

Jeff Miller, *BSB Fire Chief*
Jerod Gonzalez, *BSB Captain*

Members Absent: George Stone, *Terra Verde VFD*

- Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - Michael Hoyt had a few questions regarding the budget and about the balance that was reported at the March meeting. After a quick review, it was discovered that the balance reported was for Line Item 220 only, and not the balance for the entire TIFID account. The balance, according to the budget report provided, was \$142,443.71, not \$102,782.18.
 - Michael Hoyt made a motion to approve the March 2019 minutes with the revision for the March 2019 budget report balance of \$142,443.71. Jerry Brothers seconded the motion.
 - The March 5, 2019, Minutes were unanimously approved.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None.

III. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

No Secretary/Treasurer at this time.

Fire Chief Jeff Miller reported that as of today's date, the TIFID balance is \$141,843.71. The current balance does not factor in the \$30,000 reserve or the 31 SCBA cylinders that had been approved for purchase, but not purchased yet.

IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- None

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Review Department Needs**

- Request from Ed Fisher, Chief, Boulevard VFD, for one (1) Ready Rack PPE Extractor and racks for drying to wash volunteer fire department turnout gear, and they are requesting a shower for firefighters to shower before they go home after a fire. These items would be installed in the new addition at the Boulevard fire station. The quote is for \$12,493.00.
 - Discussion ensued regarding this request. A comment was made that the extractor is for use by all volunteer members from all the stations.
 - **Chad Silk made a motion to approve the purchase of the extractor and the other requests as noted above in the amount of \$12,493.00. Jerry Brothers seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed with all members in favor.**

- **Formalize the New Planned SCBA Replacement**

- Discussions continued regarding the replacement of SCBA bottles. Jerry Brothers gave everyone a copy of a handout listing the number of packs each department has and the number of SCBA bottles that are needed including the expiration dates. He still needs to get the numbers from Captain Chuck Janhunen.
- Jerry stated that 80 bottles need to be purchased as of this date according to his spreadsheet for the volunteer fire departments.
- Jerry shared that the price of the SCBA bottles has gone up. He also mentioned that Dalmation filed for bankruptcy.
- Concerns were made regarding purchasing bottles for at least one of the volunteer fire departments that hasn't been going to any calls lately. Chief Miller is going to reach out to that department to see what needs they may have.
- Chief Miller mentioned that the last time he spoke to the ISO representative, the representative mentioned that a couple of the volunteer fire departments would not be recognized as departments if they weren't associated with the Butte-Silver Bow government.
- Commissioner Callahan said that we don't want to have any department lose their status; we don't want residents insurance rates to sky rocket.
 - **After continued discussion, Michael Hoyt made a motion to purchase 80 SCBA bottles for the volunteer fire departments, which is in addition to the 31 bottles that were already approved for purchase for a total of 111 bottles. Chad Silk seconded the motion. All members were in favor**
 - Three quotes will need to be presented to Chief Miller for approval. Chief Miller will ask Captain Chuck Janhunen to get

these quotes.

- Chairman Olson requested a spreadsheet be done with all the bottles that are in each location and include the expiration dates. He would like the number of bottles totaled at the bottom. Then the committee can decide how many bottles will need to be replaced each year, staggering the number needed each year.
- Jefferson County Request
 - Chairman Olsen asked Chief Miller for an update regarding Jefferson County's request.
 - Chief Jeff Miller presented information to the members that he gathered from the Montana Code Annotated 7-34-101. Ambulance services authorized, MCA, information from Assessor Dan Fisher, and maps from Pat Riordan from our GIS Department.
 - Chief Miller stated that the residents are still in Butte-Silver Bow, but they need an expedited response. Butte-Silver Bow would still get dispatched and respond, but they can always be cancelled and come home.
 - Commissioner Callahan said that the response works both ways because Butte-Silver Bow responds to many calls in Jefferson County to include Elk Park. It is a balance.
- Little Basin Creek Station Driveway
 - Chairman Olsen said that he spoke with Public Work's Director Mark Neary about the road to the Little Basin Creek VFC station. Mark Neary will look at Little Basin Creek's entry to the station when the snow melts. Chairman Olsen does not know where the money will come from, but believes it needs to be fixed for safety reasons.
- Butte-Silver Bow Public Safety Communication Issues
 - Chief Miller updated everyone on the communications issues in Butte-Silver Bow. He reported that they successfully tested the 800 MHz radio system. He said that Sheriff Lester, DES Director Dan Dennehy, IT Manager Mike McKillips, and 9-1-1 Supervisor Dave McPherson met with Chief Executive Dave Palmer and Finance & Budget Director Danette Gleason regarding the public safety communication needs.
 - Chief Miller also informed the committee that the bill proposed in the State Legislature called for a \$1 tax from each mobile device be collected to fund public safety communication needs. The bill was opposed by peace officers, it did not pass.
 - Chief Miller stated that they will continue to work on and evaluate communication systems.
- Request by George Goody, Melrose VFD Chief
 - Jerry Brothers brought up the request by Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Goody to be notified of all emergency notifications.

- Chief Miller said that Chief Goody can work that out with 9-1-1 Supervisor Dave McPherson, but he said that BSB will not revert back to having all volunteers go on EMS calls. There were many issues in the past. Chief Miller stated that he does not have a problem with Chief Goody's request.
- Rural Response Plan
 - It was clarified that Big Butte's tender and Home Atherton's tender need to be added to the Rural Response Plan. Chief Miller handed out the BSB Fire Department Response Policy for Areas Which Are Unprotected by Fire Hydrants.
 - After some discussion, it was decided that everyone would review the plan and they will discuss it further at the May meeting.
 - Chief Miller stated that we have more Type 1s in Butte-Silver Bow than in the City of Spokane. Chief Miller also mentioned that we surpass most cities with the number of apparatus Butte-Silver Bow has.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019, AT 5:30 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNED

Jerry Brothers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Michael Hoyt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

cc: Chief Executive Dave Palmer
Dan Olsen, Chairman, Fire Advisory
Chief Jeff Miller, Director Fire Services
Chuck Janhunen, Captain BSB Fire Department
Sheriff Ed Lester, BSB Law Enforcement
Dave McPherson, 9-1-1 Dispatch Supervisor