

MINUTES

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

JUNE 21, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. – BSB COURTHOUSE ROOM 203 IT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:33 P.M. by John Sorich

2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

• Member Present:

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD
George Stone, Terra Verde VFD
Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD
Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner
John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson
Chris Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Guests Present:

Zach Osborne, BSB Fire Chief
Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Joe Pat Schalk, Asst Chief Race Track VFD
Gary Mattern, Chief Race Track VFD

Member Absent:

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner
Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Dan Callahan to approve the Minutes for May 3, 2022, meeting. Chad Silk seconded the motion.
 - The May 3, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- None

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- June 21, 2022 (FY2022 Report) balance in the TIFID is \$252,371.91

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS:

- Zach Osborne stated, "There was confusion that there may be extra money at the end of Fiscal Year coming, we had checked with the Finance Director, and she said the current amount is all there will be."
- John Sorich stated, "So, \$252,371.91 minus the approved TIFID requests that have been purchased on Credit Card and radios that haven't been deducted from that amount."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I have talked to member of dispatch, and they had said the Paging System could not be installed until CAD is? "
- Chad and Zach stated, "No that is totally separate."

- Riley Hash stated, "The minute the paging system show up in the mail from packs, we can take them out, put them in, and hook it up to a radio and we are ready to go. We can't use the CAD end with them until that CAD system is hooked up, but CAD will give you a notification as well. So, CAD will not work until it is up and running. All these third-party systems are just that third-party systems. They will run off VHF network as soon as we receive the system without CAD. They will be hooked up to the 800 system, but they are not going to be part of CAD. 800 and CAD are two different things."
- Jerry Brothers stated. "Will we be able to get all the 800 communications?"
- Riley Hash stated, "You will, if we have an 800 MHZ radio we can hook it up to, and we do at Dispatch and at Station #1, whichever you choose to place it. You will get your VHF tones and 800 MHZ broadcasts across those apps. All you got to do is plug in the radios, so, its server takes the communication away from the radio and broadcasts it."
- George Stone stated, "So, it basically like Boulevards lamresponding right now, but it is not hooked up t the internet per se."
- Riley Hash stated, "That is one of the venders, we just will be using its full features."
- Joel Worth stated, "Cody Penny said he would help out with IT if you needed him to."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I quit asking people when the member of dispatch told me CAD needed to be hooked up."
- Riley Hash stated, "Nope they are totally different third-party entities so we could go with it tomorrow."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I am getting a lot of questions on the costs. We are talking majors bucks each year. One, because there is going to be 120 people on it, the one was looking like it was \$500.00 per month."
- Riley Hash stated, "I don't have the quotes in front of me right now. I think the most expensive quote broke down to \$6,000.00 each year."
- Chad Silk sated, "Which would be \$500.00 a month."
- Riley Hash stated, "With that being said, still less than the pager costs for those volunteers."
- Chad Silk stated, "That was on the spreadsheet that had difference in costs comparison between them both, isn't it?"
- Riley Hash stated, "I think Diane emailed the spreadsheet to everyone and if she didn't, I can get that for you. It breaks it down per year as far as how many pagers we were looking at and the costs of the paging system per year. The paging system is covering everyone in the county, instead of the select number of radios we were looking at."
- John Sorich stated, "Any more questions? Alright, I had Diane put on the agenda just for discussion, maybe creating a sub-committee, making a study group that would possibly identifying areas for improvements as a whole department, to make the department more efficient for Silver Bow Taxpayers. The study group could make recommendations to the Director of Fire Services. This is the place to do it if we could get one or two people for the study group and make possible changes. I put it up for discussion anyone can chime in who wants to."
- Chad Silk stated, "I am kind-of bummed we can't do it here, we have been beating our heads against the wall for a long time. We haven't been able to get much accomplished here except to spend money. I am in favor of it, I would be willing to be on that committee to help with emphasis on training together and figuring out who is going to do what and be realistic with

training and not thinking we are all going to be doing the same job. There are certain jobs that will be done by certain people. I think that is where we need to start because I think that is something that could start immediately and not wait for this process of figuring out if we are going to consolidate or not consolidate, all this kind of stuff. If you call 911, the result is, that you are going to have people showing up at your house no matter what truck they are on. So, they either need to know what they are doing, or they need to realize they don't know what they are doing. We have trained with Race Track, and Boulevard a couple of times. I feel like since I have started here my whole entire career has been about training and I am cool with it and love it. That is where people will get hurt or not. That is what the public sees. They don't see all this arguing back and forth in here (Fire Advisory Meetings) they will eventually one day but, for right now training is a good idea. I think the less people the better."

- John Sorich stated, "I agree the less people the better, let's make recommendations. You're talking about training?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Honestly, I think that is one of the only things that can happen, any kind of response plan is not going to change, because it has not changed in this room, we tried before hasn't worked. The only thing that matters is making sure people know what they are doing, figuring out who can do it and can't do it, and being okay with it, explain service. If there are other things that come out of that great! I think that where it can start."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I am going six years on this committee and like Chad says the majority of what we did in the last six years is making decision on how we were to spend our TIFID money. That is done as of this month. This committee obviously must have something to discuss and decide on."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The TIFID money is still there."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Well, what's is left, but once it is spent there is no more funds coming. As an Advisory Committee obviously should advise on something it was there before we received the TIFID Funds. I was not there back in those days."
- Chad Silk stated, "None of us on this board were. I would rather not go to another different committee meeting if we could do it here. I have been around for a long time and kind of know how it works."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I don't know if you put another group together does this committee dissolve? What is the plan of this committee if there is no TIFID?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "This is part of the Charter."
- Chad Silk stated, "This would be great if we could do some things here."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Comment from the Volunteers side, that type of committee would be great if it is looking at the whole entire thing. Looking at medicals, overtime, staffing as far as what is in the paid trucks. Instead of sending three trucks to Montana Power or Northwest Power and two guys in each truck, I think we are missing the boat there."
- Chad Silk stated, "I would love to have that conversation, especially being a Battalion Chief and the way, we fight fires and dealing with the tactics we do, there is a reason why we do what we do, I would love to have that conversation. If we what another committee or have it right here. Let's do it all code three and not send multiple trucks and things like that."
- Jerry Brothers stated. "We get into trouble because we are running personal vehicles to fires and then we get into trouble in sending to much equipment to the fires. So, there has got to be

someplace in-between that , that actually happens, that conversation. What you said first pointed directly to the volunteers.”

- Chad Silk stated, “The training?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes, the training.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Of course, yes.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is the one thing this committee can’t just go after the volunteers, it’s got to be the whole fire department.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I totally agree Jerry.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “But the one thing you brought up was strictly the volunteers.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, training with the volunteers, why wouldn’t I.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “The only thing the volunteers have for training, is the only way we will train together would be with a state instructor.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Which that, I am sad to hear that, because I have done those state classes to.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Boulevard had a BC come down and the BC said you will do it my way, or you will not get called.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Ok, you have a BC sitting right here Infront of you, that isn’t saying that. That wants to be on a committee to help Butte Silver Bow get better at training.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I am talking about training, I am not talking about the committee.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I am talking about training too.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “If we got a state instructor there saying this is how it is supposed to be done, fantastic. It doesn’t do any good for me to argue with you on how we are going to do something. Let’s have someone tell us this is how it is done. ”
- Chad Silk stated, “In Butte Silver Bow, not in a federally funded prograded curriculum that is going around the country. Like firefighter one.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “A safety instructor doesn’t know what is going on?”
- Chad Silk stated, “When they are doing firefighter one. Do you do any firefighter one on any house fire? Do you do a second story search like that? Do you do primary search like that? Do you do interior tact like that? No, you don’t! I can tell you from experience that we don’t do that. I am willing to help people, who want to be helped and to do the right thing and the right way, not just because an instructor says you must do that.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Okay.”
- Chad Silk stated, “You are going by the book right, I will tell you how to do it the right way that incorporates by the book and the way we do it.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I am just telling you what happened when this started, that there were big arguments over you will do it this way or you are not going to come.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I am sorry that, that happened.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I think training together is great, I think most times you know when we are training and what is going on, don’t you?”
- Chad Silk stated, “We know when you get on the radio you are in radio contact.”
- Jerry Brother stated, “Like when we had the deal out at Copper Mountain we were drafting, that is really a good class.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, I had talked to Ted we were going to go to that, that’s good.”

- Jerry Brothers stated, "We had everyone go through everyone's tender, so everyone knew how to run everyone else's tender. We did fire drafting, port tanks, deck gun hummmmm."
- Chad Silk stated, "Awesome! All of that is great!"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We are trying to get more of that stuff going on where there are multiple stations. I can make sure that your involved more, I can go through you?"
- Chad Silk stated, "You can just call me."
- John Sorich stated, "This is exactly what I am talking about training can maybe just part of these discussions to make the department better. What else or what other options could we talk about? Or just focus on that for this meeting and it is a start. We could look at staffing, equipment to share, what will we be advising, what would make things better, some positives."
- Chad Silk stated, "Honestly, it could be as easy just to take my shift one night to Race Track or Boulevard and starting somewhere."
- Joel Worth stated, "I think that is on the right track."
- John Sorich stated, "What I am looking at is what can the committee do to make recommendations, I guess once a month training? I don't know what the training schedules are right now. Maybe everyone is doing their own thing. Is that something we could recommend? Reporting once a month on training?"
- Chad Silk stated, there is people that want to do that. I mean these guys here (guests). I mean we have done it; we need to do more of it. It is probably our fault more than anything, with the changes that are happening in our department we could make sure that happens, it should happen."
- Chris Mjelde stated, "I think training is a good place to start because if we get into anything else it going to be dollar signs and manning, overtime, and the charter and that will get messy. Who's going where and the response plan. I don't know how big of a list of good ideas you want this to go over, but training should be number one, in my opinion and from there it would just get ugly."
- Dan Callahan stated, "We will start with that and once you get that where it is working well, we will add to the list, how does that sound?"
- John Sorich stated, "Then we will be looking at structural issues and what equipment is going to get tightened. Equipment is going to get tight."
- George Stone stated, "I think that gets back to what was stated before, what is the focus of the committee before TIFID, I wasn't on the committee, but I was around and our Chief a couple of committees ago was on the committee and what they pretty much did was focused more on the budgeting side of it and trying to get new engines for the departments, that was actually before all the FEMA Grants now, that was what they were trying get for the departments who really needed it, they had really old equipment and now everyone is in fairly decent shape now. That is basically due to the FEMA program, a little bit of enter cap loans too. They had discussion on budget items to help make decisions, at least that was my understanding of what happened prior to TIFID and all of us being here."
- Chad Silk stated, "I have a feeling if we do this training that the there is a couple of guys on both sides that it might take a little bit from this committee to get going and then after that it will not need this committee's involvement in it, it should just take care of itself."

- Dan Callahan stated, "We would hope that you get something started and then if there are issues then we could come back and discuss. If there are certain groups that do not want to participate, we can come back and discuss it. I would think everyone out there on the non-paid side are all volunteers and are here to help. We are not here to fight and argue."
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes."
- Dan Callahan stated, "What is see is that a good idea gets started and if you don't have someone good like you, you must have someone organize it and keep it organized. Most people don't want to grab that ball and run with it."
- Chad Silk stated, "Let's do it!"
- John Sorich stated, "I don't know if a sub-committee is a good idea or not. All that does is separate, and I don't think we really need to do that. Then what would we be doing? I am just throwing this out for discussion."
- Chad Silk stated, "I don't think there needs to be a sub-committee on the training part and I would rather not go to more meetings."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "What about coming back next month with some idea and spots to be addressed?"
- John Sorich stated, "Like three-way radios? I guess we will hold this until next month, July."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I would not hold it, get someone like you Chad and get the ball rolling, why wait?"
- Chad Silk stated, "The thing I want to identify is who wants to do the training without all the other BS in a meeting. I don't want to be talking about a bunch of other things, I just want to focus on training. Joel sounds like you want to do it and you guys (guests) want to do it, we have already done it. I don't know if we just say hey, let's meet somewhere, that is not official and talk about what we would like to do, if you want to be a part of it cool, if you don't cool. Because making people go there, thinking they are obligated to go there is just not going to work. Maybe us three could come up with a time and a place or a meeting place to see who shows up. Then I could report back at the next meeting."
- Dan Callahan stated, "It is a good start."
- Chad Silk stated, "Whenever the meeting is."
- Dan Callahan stated, "So, what would you do send a letter out to all departments?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "What, would it be you and 9 other departments? How would you even..."
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes, I will send an email out after talking to these guys personally first and say, this is potentially the vision, this is what we what to go down, this is what we are going to do, this is what we are not going to talk about, the reason behind it, the purpose of it, the end result that it could be, and then just meet first. There is got to be always that first meeting. I have no idea what it is going to be like. It could be a total cluster, but it could be something awesome. I will email all the Chiefs they can send representatives if they want, I will take care of running the meeting, we will take care of all of it."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Do you want anyone that want to show up to show up, or just like the Chief and Asst. Chief. What happens if you get 100 guys?"
- Chad Silk stated, "I don't think that will happen, but we can figure out all of that. We can figure out if we want multiple vehicles or one representative from each department."

- Dan Callahan stated, "If you need a bigger spot, there is plenty of spots."
- Chad Silk stated, "It will not be super formal, meet and greet and say this is what it is and what is needed."
- George Stone stated, "I think your request from one person from each department, whoever that happens to be, might be the Chief, might be the trainee or training officer."
- Chad Silk stated, "The one thing I am almost hesitant on is only asking one person to go, because if there is someone really interested in going, but they don't get voted to go, they don't hear the message. I don't care if we talk in front of 100 people or nine. I think we can figure that out."
- Jerry Brothers stated, we have had meetings before at different locations, it doesn't really matter what location."
- John Sorich stated, "What are your thoughts on putting that on an agenda as bullet item, "Training Update", call Diane to have her put that on the agenda."
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Chad said, the focus is going to change from spending money to advising fire departments. The spending money part, (TIFID) it is going to be behind us. We will always advise on the money."
- Chad Silk stated, "We could identify and advise on the needs."
- John Sorich stated, "I don't understand all the communication changes, like the pagers, paging systems and all of that. We need to keep this committee advised on what is going on. Then the volunteers can take it back to the volunteers and paid can take it back to the paid, that would keep everyone involved. It still seems there is a little bit of a gap."
- Dan Callahan stated, "We just need to encourage them to start getting involved, depends how the funding is going to be spent. If you can't be involved and be a participant with the rest of the departments, it is a good opportunity for the departments."
- Chad Silk stated, "We could define what the involvement is to. If you are interior, if you are going inside or just support of getting someone water. You must have water at the fire hose. It is pretty important. That would help figuring out who needs what."
- George Stone stated, "Another idea of what they use to do to give support like we are still having issues with the bottles and/or replacements. We could discuss that on this committee and support when Zach submits his budget. This would be helpful when he has everyone's backing on it rather than the Fire Advisory backing on it, rather than just being the career needs, or just the volunteers need and having both career and volunteer and Fire Advisory backing it. Maybe the Commissioners would have a little bit of clout. I think that is something we could shoot for to help on the budget side."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Years ago, Jeff said he had a lot of trouble putting in for grants because he had the TIFID money, by saving the TIFID money is that going to affect trying to get grants?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I haven't heard that."
- Chad Silk stated, "The amount of money he viewed as, he could still put in for grants and he would, if we didn't get them, he believes potentially the lump sum of money might be questioned why do you need this grant."
- Chris Mjelde stated, "With some grants you have to disclose other funding sources, he would disclose the TIFID money."

- Zach Osborne stated, "FEMA Grants probably. FEMA is not giving out very much anymore."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Can I suggest forming a Volunteer IT Committee by August."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Have the radios been order?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I thought you were ordering the radios?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is your requests."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "You said you were going to get 8."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I approved you to get 8."
- Jerry Osborne stated, "Oh, Okay I can order them."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Should we waiting on the ordering since it is the end of Budget year?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is out of the TIFID Fund, he can order."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Zach have you heard anything on the equipment we have not received yet."
- Zach Osborne stated, "He would have someone call Strickland."
- George Stone stated, "Another thing on the Type 4 grant when we were talking about the request for Wildland boots, that is a no go on Wildland boots on the grant, they will not fund Wildland boots. They will do turn outs or PPE, but not boots."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I will have to read the grant again, I thought it said all wildland items."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Before we adjourn, I will talk about the letter the Commissioner received from Terra Verde, he said he was going to be here tonight I wish he was you can report back to him. We have the wording in the meeting Twoie said nothing about calling every other fire department a piece of and that is not what I remember that was said. It is true that out of the TIFID it is my belief that we should not be buying the volunteers wildland gear since even prior to 2000 the volunteer fire departments have received \$8,000.00 per year that not all volunteers have used to buy wildland equipment, so, that is over \$176,000.00 that they have received and will continue to receive. I don't see that \$8,000.00 they take care of it themselves. So, wildland gear, I have had a discussion with Chief Bury at Big Butte VFD and gave him my explanation why he didn't get wildland hose packs, and he said he would do a better job next year when he turns in his requests to whomever manages the \$8,000.00 per year and that is what he will get."
- Joe Pat Schalk stated, "Where is the \$8,000.00, I have not heard of \$8,000.00 per year."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Title 4, it turns out to be about \$1,000.00 for each volunteer department, from DNRC Wildland Grant."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So where does that go right to the Fire Council?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Each department must put in a bid, there is about 22 different things you can get, and we have been buying radios and pagers with it. Now, the radios I believe were \$2,100.00-\$2,500.00 around there, but most of the department got pagers and radios, throughout most of this."
- Zach Osborne stated, "There was discussion in that letter to the Commission about the trailer in our back lot. The tires are not flat, there is a lock on the hitch because we don't want it stolen, we know where the key to the lock is at the station, even though it has never moved in my 15 years. It is a loaned trailer from the Union Pacific just in case there was a Rail wreck. Anthony Roth thought it should be stored at Melrose. I suppose if there was a Hazmat Team located in Melrose that knew what to do with the gear, it would possibly be stored out there, there is not,

so it is stored here. We have used some dams and absorbent pads; I know I did one the diesel spill on Harrison. We get reimbursed on those diesel spills and every Hazmat call, everything we use gets replaced in the trailer. The stupidest thing I heard in the letter, is we are going to turn the trailer into a wildland bunkhouse, I have never heard of that, and don't know where that came from."

- George Stone stated, "I don't know where that came from either."
- Zach Osborne stated, "The money from Terra Verde VFD has made in Wildland funds will remain in the Wildland budget for the time being, until we figure out more details. Do you all have any questions? I would be happy to talk about it."
- John Sorich stated, "I thought there was a discussion about not letting Terra Verde sending their own private vehicle."
- Zach Osborne stated, "They have two private trucks, George will you help me explain it you know the situation. They have two private trucks that are Terra Verde's, insured, licensed, and maintained by Terra Verde, as well as they use their Tender that is Butte Silver Bow's. The Tender and their Type 6's get turned into DNRC Forest Service. The problem that they ran into was they labeled their private vehicle's (Type 6's) as Butte Silver Bow and when they did that, they get put into the Montana Co-op dispatching system, they get called first, because it is a lower price. If not, you must get put into a viper dispatching system. A viper dispatching system you are a private company, and you must have a million-dollar liability insurance plan. Your application to be put in the viper system is quite large. You can't train, you can't give engine bosses or engine bosses certifications, the Chief can't do that. The Chief can't do different stuff on their red cards, they must go to a certified person, if they are in the viper system. The issue is that they labeled themselves as Butte Silver Bow and for years, which I understand, it worked for years Chief Miller let that money go through, as they were going on the fires. So, it went right through Butte Silver Bow even that the Tender is Butte Silver Bow's, and they were labeling their Type 6's as Butte Silver Bow."
- George Stone stated, "There is a little difference there, for clarification, the Tender was only there the last couple two or three years, Jeff just pasted that on as we were doing all the work on it. The brush trucks initially were one brush and then we bought one with the funds that we made on the first one. It is just an older DNRC rig that they put out there for purchase, so we bought that one with those funds. So, now we have two that all along we have been getting money from those. The Tender was a fairly new deal."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You received the money pasted through on the Tender as well, correct?"
- George Stone stated, "Yes, just in the last two or three years and a few years it hadn't gone out."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, what Jeff did is what Jeff did, and what I am starting to do is what I am starting to do. Anthony Roth wrote a letter, not happy with me, Randy Roeber has called and has tried to chew me out and Finance Department out, a few times. Whether or not he thinks that is his role to do that, I would rather you call me. If your department has a problem with me, I want to hear it from you not one of your firefighters."
- George Stone stated, "Well, two different deals, Randy was Captain and I had him kind of in charge of the Wildland side of things."

- Zach Osborne stated, "He just about said a few things that Randy would not be there much longer. I would rather have the Chief's call me if they or you have a problem."
- George Stone stated, "Anthony is one of our trustee's. So, it is a little different situation."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I understand you guys have a belief and that was the way that Jeff allowed it. It is not only my belief, the Finance Dept., (about freaked out), DNRC did freak out when they found out that you were identifying yourself as Butte Silver Bow. They assumed when you identified yourself as Butte Silver Bow, you had Butte Silver Bow insurance. I am sure you have insurance on the Brushes (Type 6's), but they don't have it in the system."
- George Stone stated, "It is better than Butte Silver Bow."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You put it in Butte Silver Bow's, and you are going in the Co-op, you are going out as a Butte Silver Bow vehicle, and they are not Butte Silver Bow vehicles. You guys made a lot of money."
- George Stone stated, "Yes"
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, I wanted to clear the air on that letter, if you guys have any other questions, I would more than happy to answer."
- John Sorich stated, "Has the Chief Executive been notified of the whole thing?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "Yes, he is up to speed."
- George Stone stated, "We are supposed to have a meeting about it eventually, but ..."
- John Sorich stated, "I could see some legal problems having a private owned truck and stating it is Butte Silver Bow's, you are putting Butte Silver Bow at risk."
- George Stone stated, "But the name is not actually on the truck."
- Zach Osborne stated, "But you labelled it under the dispatch order, I saw the order Butte Silver Bow Fire Department/(Terra Verde)."
- George Stone stated, "When we submit that, it is the way DNRC does it, it was not the way we submitted it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Always that is the way I am going to do it, if any of our apparatuses goes out on a Wildland fire, it goes in the Wildland Fund. That doesn't mean that the career department gets whatever is in the Wildland Fund. I would like the Wildland Fund to be flush! So, I could use it to replace something or fix something, the TIFID will be gone, maybe we could make the Wildland Fund our little Foxy. That is the way I am going to do it. If those two guys have an issue, I hope they take it up with you, and then you can tell them you can call me."
- George Stone stated, "Will do."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is it for me unless you have any questions for me."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I have a question, I understand that the response back that the TIFID money can't be used for Melrose or Walkerville but, we still must figure out for them having more than one truck with a radio. I don't know if we must put it in this coming years budgets."
- Zach Osborne stated, "My response I wrote to you and Tom, that was what I got told directly from the Chief Executive."
- Dan Callahan stated, "The Council approved that this Fund not to have people discriminated against. So, I as a Councilman would not approve it, I knew certain departments received three radios and some departments received one."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Everyone received two."

- Dan Callahan stated, "No, Walkerville and Melrose receive one for the truck with a radio and a handheld."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Yes everyone else but them, and it was the Airport, Walkerville and Melrose and at the time, Jeff (I called Jeff and JP, because I didn't know). Jeff said "no" we were not even going to include them because they don't pay fire tax and they are not in our budget. They pay emergency service tax. So, rescue #1 reports to their districts but, we do now but, historically we didn't."
- Dan Callahan stated, "This money was not based on fire tax, this was a special allocation of money for communications for fire and police departments. The Council had approved this, like I said, I as a Councilman would never approve the money if I knew everyone wasn't going to be equal. How do you say that department, you're not as important as the one down the street, you know? I struggle with that. "
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, what Jeff told me was He and Dan Dennehy at the time, just thought they were doing them a favor by buying them one to get them on the 800 system, then it was up to their fire budget to buy more if they thought they needed more. I reached out to Jeff first and then I talked to JP and said what do you think and how I responded to you was what..."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I totally agree this is not TIFID money responsibility."
- George Stone stated, "It isn't BSB Fire Department money either."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I know as a Councilman that is not how it was presented to us. It was presented to us as the Fire Department and Police Department and that is why I thought, when I voted for it, it would be done fairly. They are still part of our system. I don't know why they came up with, "we did them a favor". I guess when it came in front of Council the two people who spoke were Ed Lester and Jeff Miller. Maybe we needed more discussion on it. We just assume the people that were involved were going to do the right thing or whatever. I see it as; we should figure out a way, because as I see it, Tom already had an issue with the radios with dispatch because they were not monitoring the other system. Dispatch was shorthanded."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I had a discussion with Tom later about that, he admitted he was on the wrong channel."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Yes, he said it here that night he was on the wrong channel. The reason he was on the wrong channel is they were communicating with the other truck. I did talk to Dave McPherson, and he said he would look into it."
- John Sorich stated, "Ok, anything else up for discussion or any public comment on anything or anything someone wants to add to the next agenda? July and August are hard to get together, what is everyone thoughts on coming back in September?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Sounds good."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Chad you will start out with getting training started with the volunteers?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Works for me."

Jerry Brothers made a motion to adjourn, George Stone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. **Next meeting September 13, 2022**

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