

# MINUTES

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. – BSB COURTHOUSE ROOM 203 IT CONFERENCE ROOM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 P.M. by John Sorich

### 2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

#### • Member Present:

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD  
Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD  
Chris Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson

#### Guests Present:

Zach Osborne, BSB Fire Chief  
Shawn Coates, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Joe Pat Schalk, Asst Chief Race Track VFD  
Jake Hanley, BSB Career Fire Dept.

#### Member Absent:

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner  
George Stone, Terra Verde VFD  
Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner

### 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Chris Mjelde to approve the Minutes for June 21, 2022, meeting. Chad Silk seconded the motion.
  - The June 21, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- Joe Pat Schalk asked if anyone had ordered the 8 radios that were approved to order June's meeting, Jerry Brothers stated, the 8 Radios are still on order, I have a call in to Dunn, he has not called me back yet. It doesn't look like it will be any time soon.
- Jerry Brothers stated, "As long as we are on that subject, I believe that Boulevard received their grant for their radios, so when you distribute those 8 radios, Boulevard won't be needing any of them."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We will figure all that out when it happens."

### 5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- September 13, 2022, (FY2023 Report) balance in the TIFID is \$275,760.00. The turnouts on order since October of 2021 still have not been received. Those funds had to be put back into the budget for FY 2022 and applied to the FY 2023 for when the turnouts are received
  - Zach Osborne stated, "Minus the turnouts, minus the 8 Radios when Dunn produces and minus 2 Lifepaks as well. Originally, we were going to purchase 7 AEDs, that plan got thrown out the window when we figured out that the 7 AED we not going to work with

A-1 and the ER's pads. So, we ordered 2 Lifepak heart monitors for our Rescue's, ordered and waiting is that what we are on Riley?"

- Riley Hash stated, "They will ship either end of this week or the end of next week."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We ended up getting 2 refurbished Lifepaks at the fraction of the cost, still with warranty, still with all that. But **new** Lifepaks are I don't even know atrocious like \$35,000.00 - \$45,000.00 apiece. So, we ended up getting 2 refurbished for \$32,000.00, which is still blows my mind how expensive things are, but that is what we had to do to be compatible with the pads of A-1 and ER. Now A-1 and the 2 rescues will all have Lifepak heart monitors with the same pads that we can use interchangeably."
- John Sorich stated, "That pretty much covers TIFID report."
- Zach Osborne asked Jerry Brothers if he put in for a final price from Dunn."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "As far as he knew they were still working under the old quote/estimate price from Dunn in the requests. I heard that now the new radios that Boulevard is looking at is quite a bit higher."

- **Grant Updates:**

- Joel Worth stated, "So, the older radios they discontinued because the parts for them are discontinued."
- Zach Osborne stated, "The older Kenwood's?"
- Joel Worth stated, "Yes, they have some different ones that are a little bit more expensive. The total grant was for a base station, pagers, and radios. We already got a bay station through a different grant, that is on order. We are just using the FEMA grant for the radios and pagers."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "They really ran into trouble because that must go in, in January and they don't release it till the end of last month (August) and everything (prices) went Koo Koo. So, they must reapply with some stuff."
- John Sorich stated, "Joel, who supports your radios and stuff, will Dunn also install?"
- Joel Worth stated, "Dunn will get them all hooked up for us."
- John Sorich stated, "I don't know how all this works, will it come out of the TIFID?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "This is the first time I have heard of any of it, besides of grant getting approved. I am not sure how any of this works. I will have to ask Danette to give me a run down."
- Joel Worth stated, "So, I put in for a Micro Grant and since Boulevard's district has under a certain amount of people, we had to come up with 5% of it. So, when I put into the FEMA grant, I put in for \$48,000.00 total for radios for each seat, 20 pagers and a base station. When FEMA did their estimates, they were able to find pagers that were cheaper, so they cut us \$8,000.00 I think on pagers. So, they gave us a grant for \$38,000.00 something and 5% of that is \$1,900.00. Then we just got, since the radios changed, we had to get a new estimate of I think \$3,187.00. "
- Zach Osborne stated, "For each seat? How many seats are you counting?"
- Joel Worth stated, "I think we are getting 10 radios."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Who pays for the 5% match on the grant, Boulevard?"

- Joel Worth stated, "I don't know if the county is going to give it to us or what."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Well that would come out of the Fire Fund Budget, and won't that have to go through Zach for approval?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "According to JP Gallagher, he said to put in for it and if we would get it, he would handle it from there. We were at a meeting up with Gallagher and Grady. Just when Zach first took over."
- Joel Worth stated, "For the base station it was \$22,180.00."
- Chad Silk stated, "That would come out of the Fire Budget if it is paid for. He is not going to just... "
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I am sure."
- Joel Worth stated, "The radios are \$3,200.00."
- John Sorich stated, "Does that include install and all that stuff?"
- Joel Worth stated, "Yes, radios and base stations. The pagers are dual band so you will get your page over VHF, and you can monitor your trunking so if you don't have radio, say like the volunteers, if you are nowhere near the station, you will get that first page and monitor the trunking while you are heading to the station and/or wherever you are going to see what the call is. If they want everyone to stage or hold off or what. We thought those would be pretty nice. Because the old paging system you could do that. You could hear everything that was going on. Now you just get that page. A lot of times if dispatch doesn't re-page you don't know if it is cancelled. It will help quite a bit."
- Zach Osborne stated, "How many pagers?"
- Joel Worth stated, "We narrowed it down to 12 pagers, we put in for 20 pagers and they knocked the price down. The price we have is still higher than the price they said so I think we are getting 10 or so."
- Zach Osborne stated, "What is a single pager worth?"
- Joel Worth stated, "I can't remember."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Well everyone still knows my feelings on pagers. I get your guy's desire for them; I still have a bad feeling weather it is spending BSB money or FEMA's money. On an item that is just going away, Motorola and so many people have told us that they are going to these paging apps on their phone and going away from pagers. I am excited for your guys that you got the grant. It gets you the ability to buy them because I wasn't going to. But that is my feelings on pagers, I will not buy pagers while I am here."
- Joel Worth stated, "The phone app is great because we get both with SafeAlert, but a lot of times the phone app is down, to where we must have our pagers. The pagers are the only one that will pick up VHF."

- **VFD IT Committee Update: Paging systems**

- Zach Osborne stated, "Have you guys tried the three different companies that Riley and Lee came up with?"

- Jerry Brothers stated, "Pretty much everyone took the summer off and we talked about it at the Fire Council meeting the other night and we are going to form a committee this month."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Okay."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "From what I have seen on it most of them advertised it as it would be a great secondary alert system. Most places are using pagers first and the phone second. The SafeAlert, I get the tone 90% of the time, I don't get what or where it is and it can be fifteen minutes or six-seven hours before I get what the recording is. As far as I am concerned SafeAlert is 100% off the board, and it wasn't one of the ones on the list (mistakenly put SafeAlert on the Agenda instead of eDispatch) it was lamresponding, Who'sresponding and eDispatch."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Aren't these software programs different when they are fully connected to and hardwired?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "That is the problems when you are just strictly using web base the phone apps you are probably going to get more of a delay, just using some kind of interface, to go over the web/internet. However, you want to describe it. Once it is hardwired through our county going to your phone it should be a lot faster. They are claiming less than a minute you should have your tone plus your recording. You would have to try it to know for sure 100%. One other comment I would like to make about the pagers is if we ever switch to 800 paging the whole VHF pagers will not work at all. We will have to come up with an idea there."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Everyone I have talked to, we will not be going to 800 paging because it is not a priority. On 800 trucking you can't have a priority. Whoever is on there, is on there."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "There is priorities, we have it set up now and if you go to Missoula or Helena, I am pretty sure they are on 800 paging already. It is crystal clear you get every word, every time there is no static there is no nothing. If we can head that direction, I not planning on it by tomorrow but obviously the next few years. If we could start planning for that direction so we can hear everything, would be the best option and I believe should be our direction we should be going for. If we did stick with the pagers, you did say they were dual band, if we could allow the 800 paging to go over them, then at least we would still have an option, but we really need to start considering that an option as well. Because VHF will work, if the world ends, whatever you want to call it, and we lost Wi-Fi and cell phone networks etc., VHF is going to come out on top. It is the most reliable thing we have because that is what we had in the beginning. But with all the noise and all the cell phone towers and GPS's and whatever else you want to add into the mix. It is just going to keep convoluting that VHF signal, which is going to get weaker and weaker and harder to get that transmission out. Even though we are a smaller community, if we keep growing like we are and the technology that keeps coming, it is going to get harder and harder. We need to start planning for our future in that area now instead of waiting ten years from now and we are still going to behind the eight ball."

- John Sorich stated, "I believe the VHF is crowding off because of the depletion of the ozone layer. I think that is a part of it also."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We were going to try and contact all three of these and try and get an exact cost. Are you going to put your men on the software program for call out etc.? Jerry asked Zach."
- Zach Osborne stated, "No"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Okay, I didn't know about call out and that, if you wanted to use that."
- Zach Osborne stated, "No."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "What we were going to try and do is to get a three month check out and try and get all three all at the same time. One month we might get one call. It would be hard to say if it worked or didn't. So, if we go with the three month everyone will have several calls and different times. If all three are there we can see which one works, the best."
- Chris Mjelde stated, "Is there a deadline for when you have to choose one of these in terms of CAD?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "For CAD, No."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Which speaking of CAD, CAD has a rapid notification system built in that we paid for. That we decided at first, we were not going to use, but it basically does the same as the apple, but I don't think it has all the features. It will do a message, email, text, or phone call to you for the call you are assigned to. That is coming straight from CAD, which might even be more reliable. You might not get some of the other features. One of them has like a Face book feature, you might not get those type features."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Is there a way they could try CAD also?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I don't know without it not being live, until it is live or closer to the date. They might be able to turn it on during our set up, I don't know."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Live is when, April?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "That what they are shooting for."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That may be the end of their three-month trial period. The county paid for it; it is worth a try."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I can see what it entails to turn it on."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Maybe we can see if features are needed or simpler is better."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "It is going to be hard when you are trying all three of them at the same time. We might have to sit down after the fire and listen to all of them."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Could you guys do like a test paging day, like on a Sunday or something."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Pretty much when someone goes in, they will do one."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "You could see what each one can do with a test page. Do it for a day, a couple of weekends or when your training, would be my suggestion. Request a tone out for a test page."
- John Sorich stated, "So I am a little confused on how this all works. As a call comes in at Dispatch. Dispatch will dispatch through your web?"

- Jerry Brothers stated, "How it was explained to me, it will be all automatic, same thing all they got to do is hit one button. Well three buttons I guess."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I don't know if they will even do that. It will be just set up through the computer that they will send, some send to us some send through a radio to you. Weather it is set up at dispatch or wherever it is set up at. Dispatch is almost out of the loop. They will dispatch the call, but this machine will pick up those tones for those departments and automatically send them texts and phone calls through those programs."
- John Sorich stated, "So if you are doing a test page, dispatch will have to do a test, because it won't be automatic go through the city, the software carrier and will automatically send?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Dispatch really won't even see, dispatch won't have to touch it."
- John Sorich stated, "Sounds confusing."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Unless you want to do two now and two after that."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Whichever way you want to do it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I would like you to try (CAD) this April. The County has already paid for it; it might not work but try it."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "If you want to read through that. I printed of some CAD information, it printed off kind of different, but it shows some of the features. (Handed form to Jerry Brothers)."
- Joel Worth stated, "Most of the fires I go to or when I am sleeping, when the pager goes off it is loud. When a message comes to the SafeAlert through the phone it is a low Ching, that will not wake me up."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "You will have to set up the loudest ring tone you can find or download. Then you would have to set up for emergency to bypass your silent and if you have it on vibrate bypass vibrate. It is all the settings on your phone. If you have an iPhone."
- Riley Hash stated, "Rapid Notifications if you use their app, it is built into the app. When you download the app, you must accept the app to override vibrate, ringtone and let you pick a paging noise that is loud and obnoxious, but you must give permissions to do that. You can still go in and turn it off when don't want the page."
- John Sorich stated, "Some will even flash a light too?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I don't know."
- Riley Hash stated, "One thing to consider to, if you want to try all the systems together. Is the full feature of the systems including your PC, it includes the computer in the station. It tells you how far away your guys are on the way, what guys are unavailable. If you are going to do two or three networks all at the same time, you probably don't have enough computers in your stations to actually try these systems to your full advantage. It would make more sense to try one at a time for three months and the next one for three months even two months so you can use all the features of each one to see what you're paying for. Otherwise, you are going to have just too much going on at the computer at your station."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Most stations don't have screens/computers for this."

- Riley Hash stated, "It is just a computer or laptop anything at the station will work with it. If you plan on using it station by station, it is going to be overwhelming, if you have multiple systems going."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "A lot of the stations don't even have internet."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "If your guys talk to Dave again, I should ask him if you can put it somewhere at dispatch. They have a backup generator, and they have internet, and it is right next to dispatch, they should get the signal."
- Joel Worth stated, "We use that lamresponding right now, so when you come in you can hit the app on your phone and state your headed to the station, so the first person there knows who's coming. It is hard to use that to because when you get a call in the middle of the night, you're just jumping in your rig and headed to the station and you're not on your phone trying to pull up your app saying you're coming."
- Riley Hash stated, " That is going to be sensitive to your guy's weather you want to use it or not. Just keep that in mind, if you want to use them altogether you might be overloading yourselves and not seeing what all the benefits are."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The computer we have we have to update anyways."
- John Sorich stated, "Okay on to Fire Call Reporting."

#### **Fire Call Reporting Update:**

- John Sorich stated, "Everyone have a report to look at. Those are current numbers."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "You haven't received mine because we pretty much took the summer off, except for training. I will get it in next week or so."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Race Track is three months behind again."
- Joe Pat Schalk stated, "I will make sure he gets on it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Where is George Stone (Terra Verde) he is three months late also. No, one or two months is fine, do your best to be on top of it, please. So, when we come to these meetings, we have accurate numbers."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is there anyway on BSB Career that you could just put fire calls rather that medicals and everything?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "Does it matter? Are you just looking for..."
- Jerry Brother stated, "Well that way we would be comparing apples to apples. You guys are looking for fire calls for us, but you are reporting everything."
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is because they go on everything, hazmat calls, medical calls and fire calls."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I can see the hazmat and gas calls, but the medical calls should be pulled out of there. We are not comparing apples to apples."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Well it is not exactly apples to apples as far as Volunteer and Career. They are a Career Department they go on everything. We don't make this report to completely compare, that is not why we do it. It is just for information. We are not going to separate them."
- John Sorich stated, "Does anyone have a questions or concerns about the calls? (No)."

## Training Update:

- John Sorich stated, "Chad do you have anything you want to report on?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Not really, there is not much to talk about yet. We have only met once, and we are going to meet again this month. There was a lot of people looking forward to continuing the training. There was a lot of people thanking us that we were putting it on. It can have the ability to be a good thing, we have a lot of work to do to make sure we get it to another level, rather than where we are at training wise and training intensity and things like that. It is kind of early to give too many updates on it. There was I would say half of the departments in the city that showed up. Some Departments didn't want to go because they thought they didn't need to train on that particular topic and hopefully that doesn't happen too many times but, we will just keep trying to keep it interesting. We will make sure when people go that there is an objective that is set. We are not going to mess around with anything else, we will get right to it, through reaps and things like that and throughout this process there is going to be some departments that don't like how it is run. But the departments that continue to go will just be better for the true actual tactics that they will be performing, not the stuff that they might not be performing. The stuff that is truly going to be performed at a fire scene. That is what we are trying to go for. Hopefully more Departments will continue to show up and it is basic stuff. Do you guys have anything?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Did you get any feedback for the 22<sup>nd</sup>?"
- Chad Silk stated, "The only feedback was Joel who said he wasn't going to be able to make it."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "There is several of Joel's guys that can't make it that night."
- Joel Worth stated, "Most of our Captains are not going to be able to make it that night, we should be able to get a few."
- Chad Silk stated, "That's alright, it is so basic."
- Zach Osborne stated, "What do you ask? Just a couple of members?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Just three member per Department."
- Joel Worth stated, "Every fourth Thursday is when I have a Union Meetings that I must hold so I can't never make anything that is on the fourth Thursday. Any other days I will make it."
- Chad Silk stated, "I think that are the problems that arise when we start something off. We figure something out. If I know earlier after sending out an email, then yes, we can switch the date, but just being a week away I didn't want to because hopefully there is other members that can show up and we can keep with it."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Have you picked a spot where you are going to do this?"
- Chad Silk stated, "We will just do it at Copper Mountain again."
- Jerry Brothers stated to Shawn Coates you did a fantastic job hydrants, I think that is an important little section. I wasn't expecting to learn about that. If you can have a little class in front, that worked great. There was a lot of stuff that I didn't know."
- Shawn Coates stated, "Thank you."
- Chad Silk stated, "That is good."

- Joel Worth stated, "I thought the training was great, it was basic stuff but, good to be able to just have different Departments working together, even how basic it was, to kind of show off your stuff a little bit, to be able to build some comradery, get to know people a little bit better you know. That goes a long way on a fire scene too. "
- Chad Silk stated, "For sure, and it will all be basic so, if someone is looking for really advance stuff, that will be a separate class that is not what we are trying to do here because the basics, none of us are good at them, regardless of if we think we are or not. When it comes time to do it at 2 a.m. in the morning, you know what I mean when it is slippery out. We can think we are good at the basics, and I think some Departments think that it wasn't worthy of their time. When you go to like this training and take 5 minutes to hit a plug and lay into a truck, that is not good, right. Doing it in a couple of minutes even though it is basic that is good. So, that is what we are going for. I know some people may not like that but, you must train to that standard."
- Joel Worth stated, "Okay let's show them what we got, and we got a flat tire."
- Chad Silk stated, "That is the mentality we need it you are going to show up, let's do it. Let's mess up in front of people get in there and do it again."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "There is a lot of things on your truck that I didn't know before that class. So, like every time you can bring a different truck, would be great, unless they are all the same!"
- Chad Silk stated, "They pretty much set up for what you guys need to know about intakes and things like that they are all similar, because they are all similar to us when we go into a reserve truck that day, they need to be very similar with intake and cross lays, all basic, all important. We train on basics all the time."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Last week was hitting a plug and laying into a truck?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes."
- Zach Osborne stated, "This month is what?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Dropping the tank off one of the Career Departments rigs, sending water from one of the Volunteer Departments into our truck so we can continue water supply and fire attack and then pulling a draft and then sending it to the Career Department truck to as well. So, we will try and get 2 ½ off our truck that flow back into the port a tank, so we can have one continuous loop and we are not soaking everything. Hopefully things are set up the correct way with the port a tank and our engine a ways away so you guys can just back up, hit the timer, we will go, get done with the evolution, break it down, move a truck, pull another one in, and get though like that."
- Joel Worth stated, "That is why we were hoping to have some people available because we practice on that a lot on dropping that tank and feeding you guys' water, we were excited for it. We will see who's available and who's not."
- Chad Silk stated, "If any of them are available regardless of I mean you guys get to pick who goes but, if they are newer but you guys feel comfortable for them to drive of the truck send them. There is no reason that Captains of your Department need to be the ones to go. You know what I mean, it would be ideal but. If you have multiple people that want to go send them rotate them do whatever. If there is a department with only three people, your kind of strapped that way but. The more people that see our face

and are not afraid of us, or think we hate you guys and vs versa. The sooner we can get over this old school mentality. There are several things we can train on, and water is one of them and we can backtrack on them as well.

- Jerry Brothers stated, "When we are setting that up, we always make it, so we don't have to back up. When we drop our tanks, we really like when we can just drive right by them."
- Chad Silk stated, "For sure. If we have something either we will have it out or we won't have it out, probably by the first tender and be nursing off the first tender. We can water shed all day but if it isn't going to the right spot it doesn't matter. So, we need to be able to get it done quick."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I really feel we shouldn't be nursing trucks with tenders. Tenders have one function and that is to haul water."
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes and if you go to the fire scene where I am at and the only thing you have is a tender, we are nursing off you, because you have water."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Okay you only got that much water. If I drop my tank and you start drafting, I can be faster."
- Chad Silk stated, "Oh yes this is part of an evolution where there is just a tender that is assigned to that fire. I get the whole water flow. I also get we are kind of B-Sing ourselves if we think it is going to be working that good that quick, honestly, right?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes"
- Chad Silk stated, "In reality getting a tender to fill these guys tank up while we are on fire attack is the priority. The water shuttle that is going to happen 20 minutes later that might not be able to sustain water, we will worry about that after everyone is outside of the house. We have rescue priority; we are going to do one good shot of what we can do with fire attack and then it is to make sure we are not going to burn down the next house or the field or something that and that is where a water shuttle come in. to be completely honest and you guys know that it takes a long time, and you don't have a plug nearby, better get it in one shot. Whatever you use to pull a draft with because that is what we need for the training."
- John Sorich stated, "Grant Update we already talked about, but does anyone want to talk about any grants?"
- Joel Worth stated, "So the pagers were originally we put in they were \$800.00 and something and FEMA came back and put \$500.00 each. The cheapest ones we could find I think were around \$700.00. We are still down from what we originally put in for. We have a few guys that don't ever show up, so the guys that always come will get one and we will hang on to the other ones."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Is that the Uni-cation pagers is that what it is called."
- Joel Worth stated, "They are dual band, you can't talk though them or anything."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I think there is only one company in the name brand, maybe Uni-cation but had different types? I noticed a couple of them are dual band and they were saying that they were VHF compatible, but the UHF was only going up to like 500 MHz"

- Joel Worth stated, Racom quoted us the pager itself is a G5 P25 Dual-Band Voice Pager, VHF & 700/800MHZ , Conv. P25 w/ Phase 1 & 2 trunking includes 2800 mAb battery, Charging/Programming Cable with Power Adapter & 2-year warranty.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Perfect, that is the one you need for sure.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “There was something where the 800 trunking was not the P25 compatible or something and that was one of the thing that really stuck out. What is that compatibility deal?”
- Joel Worth stated, “I have no clue, I just wrote the grant.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Any of the State trunking systems are P25 compatible, it is made for first responders, it has to be, communication was G5.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I will have to find out about it, there was something that was different, for the P25 for trunking.”
- John Sorich stated, “Joel will you find out about the matching?”
- Joel Worth stated, “Yes. I tried to talk to Gallagher, and he was unable and left a message with Jim.”
- John Sorich stated, “Joel so, next month you will let us know? Also, Jerry, you will let us know about VFD IT software programing?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “We should have a full report by next month.”
- John Sorich stated, “Who’s on your IT committee? You will keep us updated?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “It hasn’t been decided, but me, Grady Fisher, Joel, Fitz, Cody Penny and there will be five of us. The problem was getting everyone together.”
- John Sorich stated, “Moving on, discuss structural and equipment issues, I can’t remember Zach what that was going to be.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I was looking at that also, I don’t know.”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “We talked that anyone could mention any structure or equipment issues to let Zach know they are having issues.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Jerry, you mentioned you had 5 VFD IT members, the five you just named off, just Boulevard and Home Atherton did you offer that to any other members?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “They have all been at the Fire Council meetings.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Walkerville knows a little bit working with radio out at the prison with pagers, if you could reach out and get them in there. John I am sorry I went backwards a little bit.”
- John Sorich stated, “That is okay, I guess what we were talking about looking back in the minutes. We have had a pretty good funding source for purchasing equipment, so now money is going to get a lot tighter. I think we will have to start talking about so it will not be such a big surprise and communicate of what kind of equipment will be needed and issues we are having for the budget expense or whatever. I think that now the money (TIFID) will be gone, and the budget will be tight.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Basically we can’t keep buying from the TIFID. I will have to reach out to the Volunteer Departments finding out what the needs are, going into my budget requests. Someday we won’t be able to pull from TIFID. We will have to go through a whole lot of different avenues to find funding, if things are needed.”

- John Sorich stated, "I think that it was I was thinking that this Committee could advise you of any equipment that is bad or worn, so we could discuss. Apparently, you will not have anything tonight, but in the future, it is a start discussing it, what equipment might be needed or look like, whatever, does that make sense?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "The only other information I have is everyone knows that the County is going through a whole CAD upgrade. This is going to change the way that dispatch dispatches departments or apparatuses. It is not going to be like it was, it is a good change, it is an updated change, it will make it far faster and less chances of mistakes. Basically, mistake proof from the dispatch, everyone knows dispatch is low on manpower and I don't see that changing for a long time. So, this new CAD system and the way that emergency vehicles get dispatched is going to be great for Butte-Silver Bow but, coming down the road it will change. We will update you guys with how it is going to change. Lee knows more of the ins and outs if he wants to add something. We will keep you updated every monthly meeting here. Nothing will ever get sprung on you guys, like suddenly something has changed. Dispatch is dispatching a different way; we will make sure that everyone knows exactly how and why it has changed. There will be lots of changes, like right now for example dispatch will dispatch Station 1 and Boulevard and that is by quite the process as what a dispatcher must flip through maps to figure out whom he is dispatching, it is pretty tedious work, I don't envy their jobs at all. Now, it will be dispatched a little different, it will be dispatched by apparatus basically with options, if there is no response within a certain amount of time, it will be automatic to the next closest department. Always fill in when I am talking Lee, you know way more than I do. Lee, you have been to all the CAD meetings, Layla from California has come in a number of times and had meetings with Dave and Brian Sullivan with PD, representation and basically Lee has been for Fire representation. Any kind of updates as we go. Again, this is live in April, so we must step on the gas pedal, pretty much now and get some things done."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Are you changing the Rural Response?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "That will change, yes."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Are we going to have any input on that?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I guess after I release it. You can give me your opinion."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The Rural Response Plan is really tied to the ISO, and it is flowing water."
- Zach Osborne stated, "There is a lot of things that go into it, and that is non hydrant, non-water supply."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You look at all Walkerville now it is all hydrated, you look at Blacktail Loop there is hydrants, so a lot of thing have changed since that Rural Response Plan was developed."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "It was done 4 months ago."
- Zach Osborne stated, "By who?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "By the Fire Council."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Jerry!"

- Jerry Brothers stated, "But we turned it over to you and dispatch and never heard anything back."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I have never seen it, not one thing of it."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I will see that you get it, because we changed a few things."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is where we are running into problems, Jerry the Fire Council can make recommendations on how they think it should happen, it basically comes down to how I think it is going to be ran."
- Jerry Brother stated, "Okay."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Okay."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I will make sure you get it, I thought they had sent it to you and dispatch."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I never seen the updated Plan, the last one I have seen that was made was fifteen years ago."
- Chad Silk stated, "He thought it was 2007."
- John Sorich stated, "We tried to have it one time before, we had three members in it, it turned into a fiasco."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Well I cleared it today with a few of the higher ups. I told them the history of it, and they basically said, "We spent a lot of money on this CAD system make it how it makes sense." So, we are going to make it how it makes sense."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Just so you really watching the ISO, that is the Biggy."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Yes we are!"
- John Sorich stated, "What does CAD stand for?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Computer Aided Dispatching."

6. Jerry Brothers made a motion to adjourn, Chad Silk seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. **Next meeting October 4, 2022**

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