



HAMILTON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
Date: June 19th, 2024 Minutes
(rescheduled from June 12th)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairman Suenram called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL (X-PRESENT, A-ABSENT, E-EXCUSED)

- X Vice-Chair Adams
 X Secretary/Treasurer Brady
 E Trustee Campbell
 X Trustee Huus
 X Chair Suenram

Guests present include Chief Brad Mohn, Assistant Chief Tony Sisson, Firefighters Travis Walker, Don Bratsch, Chris Mayer

- 3. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)** – A fundamental element of democracy is the right of citizens to address their elected representatives, therefore any citizen may provide written or verbal public comments during this time that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. No Board action or discussion shall be taken on public comment and comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:** Consent items are non-controversial and can be acted upon at one time without discussion. **Any member of the Board may pull any consent item for discussion and separate action.**
- a. Approval of AGENDA
 - b. Approval of the MINUTES from May 8th, 2024 – a regular scheduled meeting.
 - c. Approval of warrants and financial report for April/May.

**Trustee Brady made a motion to approve agenda, minutes and warrants.
Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Charter Spectrum	Internet	\$ 104.94
Skycog	Hosting – inv 4915	\$15.00
Century Link	Phone	\$124.43
Ravalli Electric	Utilities	\$150.50
Northwestern Energy	Utilities- Charlos & Skalkaho (bills available on 10th)	\$250.05
Visa	Microsoft	\$75.00
Stacy Oren	Cleaning – Skalkaho & Charlos	\$150.00
Ronda Taggart	Admin Bookkeeping	\$660.00
Streamline	June 2024-June 2025 Website services	\$1800.00
Evans' Ace	supplies	\$257.97
City of Hamilton	4 th Qtr ILA	\$26,345.24
Sula Peak Repair & Lawn	Mowing – Charlos & Skalkaho	\$800.00
MT Truck Works	7113, 7311	\$6717.56
Curtis	Mobile Hydrotesting	\$1625.00
TW Enterprises	Generator service – Charlos – from March	\$856.88
Fire Logistics, Inc	3 maps, museum archives research of rural fire district	\$100.00
Eckert's Patriot Pumpers	Septic pumping - Charlos	\$550.00
M&M Trans & Auto	7113	\$285.78

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** - none

6. **TRUSTEES REPORTS** - none

7. VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT

a. **Follow up on Assistant Chief Woods' call volume/response presentation – Assistant Chief Woods absent -- none**

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. **Chief's Report** – Chief gave a Wildfire Council recap, briefly reviewed meeting about dispatch concerns. Some discussion ensued. Reviewed calls, etc; Mentioned that the First Due app is out, is working on program with Bitterroot College and High School, portable radios have been ordered.

9. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- a. **Potential Sale of Skid Steer** – Trustee Adams; The equipment would need to be put up for auction first so requesting to buy a trailer so that it can be used; will be discussed at budget meeting or later date.
- b. **Consolidation and/or Functional Consolidation** – Chairman Suenram
 1. If approved by Stevensville RFD Board of Trustees, begin discussions of consolidation and/or functional consolidation (cooperative services). Examples of functional consolidation might include:
 - a. Recruiting and Retention of Volunteers
 - b. Maintenance services
 - c. Fire Inspection and prevention
 - d. Purchasing
 - e. Training
 1. Some discussion – Motion was made by Trustee Adams to have a discussion with Stevensville RFD about a cooperative approach. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brady. Motion was approved.

10. DISCUSSION ON:

- a. **Auto Aid Agreement** – Chief Mohn; agreement has been signed
- b. **Firefighter Physicals** - Trustee Brady; Frontline requiring to pay for 30 physicals per Chief
- c. **Preliminary Budget** – Chairman Suenram; Ronda will send out draft preliminary budget prior to Tuesdays special meeting
- d. **Board Packet/Agenda** – Chairman Suenram; nothing

11. UPDATE ON:

- a. **Tax Roll Audit** – Trustee Brady; Melissa from Missoula Rural Fire should be sending dates soon to get set up in the next few months
- b. **Increased Debit Card Limit** – Trustee Brady; applied for the credit card, just waiting for it now
- c. **Status of Lost Horse Annexation** – Chairman Suenram; hasn't heard back from county, maybe in July

- d. **Streamline Website** – Chairman Suenram; scheduled to go live on July 1; has been working on getting additions and links added to website
- e. **New Fire Station Location & ISO Audit** – Trustee Brady; still working with other chiefs, looking like late August/September
- f. **Repeater Site Contract** – Trustee Brady; materials have been ordered, notice will be given prior to installation

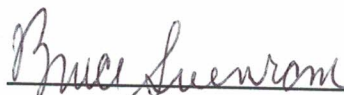
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

13. **NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting will be on July 10th, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Skalkaho Station; special budget meeting is June 25th at 5:30 at the Skalkaho Station.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm

Approved by:



Board Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer