

Judith Basin Rural Fire District  
Minutes May 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Secretary Bruce Evans. Present: Rod Merrill, Bill Nielsen, Frank Fiedler and Clayton Kaiser. Also present: Steve Hedstrom & Jeff Visocan.

Gerry Hungate was also present to speak to the board regarding insurance. Gerry also carries VFIS if the board would like to carry the policy locally. Board would have to send a letter requesting change of agent. Insurance will be put on agenda for June meeting.

Reorganization: Frank made a motion to appoint Bruce chairman and Bill Secretary, 2nd Clayton, motion passed.

Agenda: Motion to approve made by Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rod. Motion passed

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes: Clayton made a motion to approve as written 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$57,748.16

Old Business: Department reports. Raynesford, one truck has water leak. Highway signs have worked well. Raynesford would like to have reflective Stop signs. Clayton found some signs lighted, about \$250.00. Steve will have prices for next meeting. Frank will check with Stanford to see if they want any. Equipment purchases- Tim was going to order 4 GPS units. Steve stated the 2014 VFA Grant is complete; GPS can go on 2015 grant.

Bill reported on spotlights, Striker HID have commercial and noncommercial grade. Noncommercial is around \$350, \$650 for commercial. Remote, magnetic mount or mounted. Frank: \$239.00 on Amazon, about half power as Strikers. Magnetic mounts more versatile. Frank and Bill will do further checking and bring to next meeting.

12 Volt pump, Big R had 3 different price from \$270-\$380. Jeff talked to Mosch Electric; they suggested get good extension cord from truck to pump.

Bill: question on safety, spark might cause bigger mess. Pumping system would only be used for diesel, so it shouldn't be a problem, would also have safety guidelines. Raynesford would respond throughout district. Clayton made a motion to purchase \$400.00 worth of supplies to put together pump, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Job description: Bruce feels it's too restrictive, no one will take job. Board loses discretion to appoint because of restrictions. Need to develop simpler, less restrictive job description. Guidance is also by MCA. Bruce made a motion to void present job description for Fire Chief, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank. Motion carried. Everyone will take information to departments and bring suggestions back to board.

Sale of old Geyser fire truck: no interest. Clayton made a motion to put at Bill's place along the highway and advertise for another 30 days, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill. Motion passed. Continue to advertise in FSTS newsletter, Craigslist and JB Press.

Power Line Safety training, Fergus Electric and NW Energy available, decide when and where. Prefer not to do on week-end. Board tabled until fall. CPR/First Aid Training: Shawn Neilson working on getting MT certification will do when she gets certified. Bruce: Mary doing some to.

Clayton: wondering if MAFB fire was reported. It was.

New Business: Rod reported there is a tank & reel on a skid unit in Windham 150-200 gal, does anyone want/need it. Guys will check back.

Approval of bills: Motion to approve bills Clayton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill. Motion approved.

Frank made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Rod. Motion passed meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.