

**HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOINT PUBLIC MEETING SYNOPSIS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2018 TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Sourdough Fire Station, 4541 S. 3rd Rd.
BY: Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Kraft, Chair
Walk Zidack, Treasurer
Chuck Tate, Secretary

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Jason Revisky, Fire Chief
Brian Nickolay, Assistant Fire Chief
Lonna Braverman, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Pat Wilson
Nick Shrauger
Katie Webster, Volunteer Firefighter
Colin Prato, Volunteer Firefighter

0:00:00	CALL TO ORDER OF HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT Chair DK called the meeting to order and reminded the public that the meeting was being recorded.
0:00:12	PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA Chair DK called for public comment on matters not included in the agenda. There was no public comment.
0:00:19	HYALITE CONSENT AGENDA Chair DK asked for any discussion on consent agenda. No discussion.
0:00:25	Trustee WZ made motion: To approve consent Motion was seconded.
0:00:28	Vote: unanimous approval.
0:00:34	Discussion and Decision – Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy Renewal Trustee WZ asked Chief JR for his input. JR indicated he was disappointed in the presentation on the renewal, since the proposed renewal plan has some reduced benefits even though premiums are still over 10% higher than current plan. However, the proposed plan is the closest to the current plan in terms of coverage, so in agreement that HRFD should renew. There was no public comment.
0:02:52	Trustee WZ made motion: to approve the BCBS policy, motion was seconded.
0:02:58	Vote: unanimous approval.
0:03:05	Discussion and Decision – Sourdough Firefighters Association Funds Trustee WZ introduced volunteer firefighter Colin Prato, who is a board member of the Sourdough Firefighters Association. CP indicated the Association would like HRFD to manage Association Funds for them, but allowing Association to have input in how the funds are spent for the benefit of the volunteers. Association funds come from donations at community events such as the annual Pancake Breakfast. HRFD would earmark the funds for FireFighters Association use. Chair DK asked why the Association would not manage the funds themselves, and discussion ensued. Trustee

0:49:45	Trustee WZ made motion: To have HRFD create a line item on the annual budget that provides for the accounting of donations associated with community fund-raising events that volunteer firefighters contribute time and effort to. Net proceeds from these events will be earmarked specifically to benefit volunteer firefighters in the form of extra equipment and supplies not already provided for in the budget.
0:50:18	Chair DK asked for Public Comment. Public Comment ensued.
0:57:10	Trustee WZ made amended motion: To have HRFD create a line item on the annual budget that provides for the accounting of donations associated with community fund-raising events that volunteer firefighters contribute time and effort to. Net proceeds from these events will be earmarked specifically to benefit volunteer firefighters. Motion was seconded. There was no public comment.
0:59:38	Vote: unanimous approval.
1:00:10	Discussion and Decision – PERS Employee Social Security Contributions
	Trustee WZ indicated it came to the attention of HRFD that it does not have proper paperwork in place related to Social Security benefits. Trustee WZ and Chief JR presented findings so far after discussions with Social Security representative. Discussion ensued.
1:10:20	Trustee WZ made motion: HRFD not contribute to Social Security for employees in the PERS system and fill out 941x to recover the employer portion of contributions made since the inception of the Hyalite Rural Fire District. No public comment.
1:10:50	Motion seconded. Vote: unanimous approval.
1:11:00	Chief Revisky Report
	The Fire Department has responded to 82 calls since January 1, 2018. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We currently have 45 volunteer members on our roster. 2. At this time, we have 8 Resident Fire Fighters in the Sourdough Station. We still have the Sleeper Program at Cottonwood with the Residents supporting the Sleepers with leadership and driver/operator capabilities. 3. We have 1 Fire Fighter living in the Rae House. 4. Our Fall Recruit Academy is finished with all 4 Recruits now responding to calls as Fire Fighters. 5. We continue to offer command trainings twice each month. 6. We have received our replacement Thermal Imaging Cameras, and they are installed on our apparatus. 7. We participated in the MSU Job Fair and Community Involvement event on February 15th as a means of recruiting new volunteers. 8. Brian and I are travelling on March 4 to Appleton, WI to visit the Pierce Fire Apparatus factory and investigate options for our proposed replacement apparatus for R-6. 9. We have experienced no fire fighter injuries or significant apparatus/equipment damages in this past month. 10. Fire today at Bozeman Post Office on Baxter. Auto mutual aid with Bozeman Fire Dept. worked beautifully, since they were very close to the Post Office. 11. Had to plow S. 3rd Rd. on Monday, since residents were stuck in snow drift in the roadway.
1:20:25	Public comment: Nick Schrauger asked: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nick Shrauger asked: What happens when Chief and Assistant Chief are out of town at the same time? Chief JR responded.

	<p>2. Nick Shrauger asked: Are you looking at other vendors besides Pierce for bids on new fire truck? Chief JR responded.</p> <p>3. Nick Shrauger suggested: We have an opportunity at the annual meeting in May to have a “dog and pony show” on the bid and specs on the new truck and disposal of R6. HRFD should encourage public to attend that meeting.</p>
1:26:09	<p>Trustee's Activities No Trustee Activities reported.</p>
1:26:30	<p>Announcements Next Trustee meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018.</p>
1:29:00	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION – This portion of the meeting was closed pursuant to MCA 2-3-2-3-(3) 1. Fire Chief Review</p>
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