

Regular meeting of the West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on August 10, 2023 at 7:03.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, John Carpenter, Michelle Lower Cummins.

Department members present: None

Public present: Amy English, Donna Richter arrived later

Minutes were read. Corrected that Michelle was to call the power company, not Frank. Motion to accept as corrected made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Secretaries report was presented. Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Chief's report: Saltese station needs to be cleaned. Four wheel drive crash truck will come to DeBorgia for the winter. Gear from the summer truck will be transferred to that vehicle.

Old Business: Yearly recruitment BBQ: Brooke will order the food. Everything else ready to go. Phone: Need the password for the answering machine. Updated insurance records for the vehicles are here. We need beneficiary forms from Chris (insurance agent) and they need to be updated. Board needs to ratify Frank as fire chief. Motion made by Brooke to ratify Frank as fire chief for 2023-24, seconded by Michelle, carried. Cell phone tower: No update. Selling reels in Saltese: Nothing new. Fire Department fan: Frank will pursue in September. Washing machine: Have Michelle pursue this first thing after grant training. St. Regis paying for ½ of Michelle's training costs? Frank will talk to Jerry on Saturday. Contract with Missy for reimbursing costs of EMT training if she doesn't give us time is signed. Frank .84 will put a sign in the post office shadow box asking if anyone has a good used refrigerator they will donate to the fire department. John may have a connection in Idaho. Hard drive is missing out of the security system in Saltese. Maybe replace the system with a wifi centered system if we can piggyback off the Old Montana. Landfill in Idaho will take out old motor oil.

New Business: Energy Partners contract for winter: Offer is \$1.749 for 4900 gallons between November and end of March, tank lease \$5.00/year, volunteers \$1.849. We used up our 4900 gallons by the end of February, 2023 and paid regular rate for the month of March. Need to increase our gallonage commitment before we sign the contract. Frank will talk to them. We need more checks, Michelle will find out how.

Public Comment: Donna gave us a letter from Superior Ambulance stating that she will be responding in her personal vehicle on behalf of them. We need to figure out a plan to work together. Brooke will call Pat and see what we can do.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 8:03.

Next meeting September 14.