

Regular meeting of the West End Fire Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 pm on December 12, 2023.

Board members present: Frank Magee, John Carpenter, Michelle Clemmens, Brooke Lincoln, Richard Medley

Fire Department present: Bill Mitchell, Anthony Lower

Public present: Bruce Van Brooke

Minutes were presented. Motion to approve as presented made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Bruce Van Brooke from Mullan Fire Department informed us that our repeater on Lookout Pass has been hijacked by someone else. Our repeater is disconnected and hooked to someone else's antenna, either Sheriff or MHP. Frank will find out who is on it. Bruce bought a Tucker groomer and offered his services if we need it. They are doing a Basic EMT course and have openings if the certification will cross state lines. Runs 5-8 January 8, M W F, through April.

We have a new Conex box at the Lookout repeater station but don't know if the electricity has been connected. Frank and Jerry are looking into it. Bruce offered we could use their frequency if needed for communication on top. He will send us a letter stating this.

Chief's report: EF Recovery: Bill has filed 6-8 in the last month. Grants: Turnout gear and SCBA grant still no acknowledgment of close-out. SAFER grant we still have \$90,000.00.

Old Business: Fan, generator and lights: Lights and fan are up and working. Generator is now fully functional and we can run lights at the same time as the pump. Police report on stolen items: Still not provided by the County Attorney. Repeater and radio grant: We were denied. Would like to put another repeater, either stationary or mobile, in the fire hall. We have the antenna already standing. Brooke made a motion to purchase a repeater for \$3000.00, must revisit if it is over, seconded by Richard. Carried. Washing machine: Looking for a grant. We will be reapplying for the communications grant again by ourselves, not regionally.

New Business: New truck: We need to send someone to get it in California. Michelle will fly down on Saturday and drive it back. Motion to buy a plane ticket for Michelle made by Richard, seconded by Brooke, carried. The sellers will put Michelle for the night and she will cash a department check for fuel, meals and possibly another overnight. Life Flight: Do we want to continue to pay for volunteer memberships? Yes.

Public comment: None.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke at 8:12 pm, seconded by Richard, carried.