

Regular meeting of West End Board of Trustees was called to order on March 14, 2024, at 7:01 pm.

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

Department present: None

Public present: None

Motion to approve the minutes made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Chief's report: We have collected over \$61,000.00 from EF Recovery since we started in 2020. Ryan Funke was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. Frank talked to him and recognized that we know he inherited the Lookout repeater situation. There finally has been a no charge contract signed with the USFS and a permit issued for the site and we can work forward to fixing this. As soon as weather permits, MHP will foot the bill and bring everything back to functional.

Old Business: Repeaters and radio should be here next week. FEMA grant for radios: Ran out of time and could not get it done. SAFER grant: We have used 55% of it. Frank will file for an extension instead of a new grant. Battery operated jaws of life still being researched. Washing machine: Public safety grant, Frank will get the application to Michelle, can be filed anytime. Brooke missed the deadline for filing for reelection, it was February 11. She has filled out the Board application and presented it to Frank. We advertised the opening in the paper this week, may get more applicants by our deadline of April 5. EMT: She is doing well and final practical test is coming up. DNRC grant: We are required to have BendixKing brand radios for response to wildland fires. Frank will use the DNRC grant for 2 of these radios. Difference will be about \$1000.00. Still waiting on one more quote. Brooke made a motion to spend the \$4272.00 DNRC grant monies toward purchase 2 BK radios, seconded by Michelle, carried.

New Business: Wildland refresher this Saturday. Have 5 people interested. May 10-12 wildland training will be conducted in Frenchtown. Frank will apply for a state grant for a new wildland fire tank setup. He will write an initial letter and they let us know if we are in consideration. Open house: Date will be July 13. Louise is planning. Looking for vendors and raffle items, maybe a rifle. Expand the car show. Start advertising early. June 6 is the Schoolhouse yard sale. We will do an ice cream social and open our doors to the public, hopefully recruit. Brooke and Frank still need to get together to clean upstairs. Frank would like the minutes earlier. Michelle noted the energy bill for the past month is over \$100 more than last years. Frank will investigate a trickle charger plugged in in the red building.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 8:23 pm.