

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on October 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Scotty Norman, Brooke Lincoln, Richard Medley

Fire dept. present: Donna Richter, Michelle and Anthony Bower.

Public present: Mark and

Minutes were read. Motion to approve made by Brooke, seconded by Scotty, carried.

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

Chief's report: Three trucks were pressure tested. Water tanker from Saltese went to auction and sold for \$400.00. We have a replacement motor for the hydraulic jaws in Saltese, needs to be installed. AFG grant: We have received several bids for turnouts and SCBA's. Next week, decision will be made. We may have to "borrow" money from St. Regis to cover pre-payment IF we have to pay the supplier and then apply for reimbursement from FEMA. We are about 14 weeks to 6 months out from receipt of goods depending on the supplier. EF Recovery: They need our incident reports that are created after all calls, nothing else. Roof on old fire hall was fixed by a couple of community members. Heater in meeting room will be installed by the next meeting.

Old Business: Mutual Aid Agreement with Mullan was returned with their signatures. West End Board members signed off on it and will return a copy to Mullan, making it official. DOT: New supervisor is Chris Mitchell. He says animal carcass, tree, and debris removal are their responsibility. If we are dispatched, we are to instruct dispatcher to call DOT supervisor. Frank will contact Sheriff's office to relay this information. Energy Partners: The Board held an e-mail vote and decided to go with Energy Partners as our propane supplier. We are on their list to get tanks swapped out. Traction sand: Brooke presented prices from three suppliers. Best price was from Stovern Supply in Kellogg. Motion to buy \$1200.00 (80 bags) of traction sand from Stovern made by Richard, seconded by Scotty, carried. Computers: Everything is here and working. Reader Board: Off the table, it has already been donated to the school.

New Business: Frank will apply again for Firehouse Subs grant. He will be asking for lightweight turnout gear, approximately \$24,000.00. Work on Engine 2: Getting done. Chili Cook-off: Flyers are out. Senator Testor has been invited to make the announcement about the AFG grant. Motion for the department to purchase burgers, buns, and dog buns made by Brooke, seconded by Scotty, carried. Brooke will acquire and bill the department. We will solicit donations. Committee is hammering out all the details. We need to invite the new Sheriff for a meet and greet post-election. Possibly invite the community for cookies and coffee.

Public comment: Michelle and Anthony will donate soda's and cookies for the chili cook-off.

Motion to adjourn made by Richard, seconded by Brooke at 8:08. Next meeting November 10, 2022.