

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Peter Hall, Dave Johnson, Jay Wilson and David Dethloff present. Also attending were Chief Jerry Hampton, bookkeeper Mary-Lewis Johnson and Bob Seymor. No members of the public were in attendance. Peter moved to accept the agenda, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously. The Chief asked to remove the portion of the minutes referencing Go Fund Me. Jay moved to accept the minutes with the change, Dave Johnson seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. The last payment on tender 3845 has been made to Central Bank. Payment to AA+L was for pump testing. Payments not listed in the report are \$118.08 to Byrnes Oil for fuel and \$80 to OSS for our annual report. Dave Johnson moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Seymor talked about our report to the Secretary of State that must be done and on line. Garla said the Leo Adler grant request for \$65,010 for airpaks has been filed. She is working on a Buerkel-Zoellner grant proposal for equipment. Garla also began a discussion about creating a 501c3 which is an organization designation for raising and spending money. This could be used as a way to raise money for the district. Jerry mentioned asking for a grant from the Gary Sinese Foundation for equipment. The railroad also offers grants. Other ways to raise money are going to be researched.

The Chief gave his report. There were two calls last month, 1 grass fire and 1 illegal burn. The district will get more money than was billed for assistance with the Rye Valley/Durkee wild fire. We will now begin the process of selling pumper 3833. It will be advertised on various sites. Work will be done over the next few months on equipment and building improvements. The appreciation dinner for our volunteers was successful although some had problems attending due to other obligations. There could be a possible holiday event at the end of the year. The cornhole board raffle was not done due to Garla's absence. It could be done at a holiday event.

Jay got a rough estimate to replace the door at the Main station of \$7500. This expense is not in the budget so we need to figure out a way to pay for it. Peter showed the notice of public meeting in the Twin Mountain News. He asked how often we wanted it published and what cost we were willing to pay. He will get some feedback from the publisher of options. Peter also said that SDAO told him that with print publications shutting down, there is more flexibility in announcement sites. The Chief asked to have the ordinance regarding billing be removed from the website as it says it is a draft, not in effect. Since the billing changes over time, we may just leave it down.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm by the Chair with the next meeting at 7 pm, October 14, 2024.