

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2023 MINUTES

At 7:03 pm Chair Terry Blaske called for citizen comments on the 2023-2024 budget. With no one presenting themselves for comment in the time allotted, the comment period was ended at 7:15 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Blaske at 7:15 pm with directors Garla Rowe, Jay Wilson, Dave Johnson and Peter Hall present. Chief Jerry Hampton and Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson also in attendance. No members of the public were present. The first order of business was to pass the budget proposals. Jay moved to adopt the budget as proposed from the budget meeting, Dave seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Garla then moved to impose the tax for appropriations as presented, Peter seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Peter then moved to accept the categorization of the tax, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Garla then moved to accept the May minutes and current agenda, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financials. \$316.34 was paid to the county clerk for the election. The bank statements were all caught up. Garla moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Workmans compensation has been changed from SDIS (special district insurance system) to SAIF (state accident insurance fund). Someone will need to send in LB 1 form to state for new budget. SDIS sent a EAP (employee assistance program) form for our consideration. It is not something we would likely want.

The Chief gave his report. There were five calls, one fire, one false alarm, two good intent and one extraction of a horse from a trailer which is not within district responsibility. A discussion was had regarding such incidents and how to respond to them. The Chief will bill the person who requested the aid. The Chief has the authority to decide when to bill for incidents outside district requirements.

Two items are yet to come for the Leo Adler grant which will close when all items ordered have arrived. The VFA grant of \$10,000 for repairs is coming which will require in kind work hours for a match. This is being worked out.

A discussion was had regarding the operational levy to be put on the ballot next year. It must be determined how much per thousand to propose. A work session will be had at 5 pm, June 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss. It must be shown what the consequences will be if we do not get the funding. It must also be determined what solutions there are to meet district needs if funding does not come.

There needs to be a promotion of our website as part of our public levy discussion. It was proposed to have an open house in September, perhaps September 23<sup>rd</sup>, to show what needs we have, what we have accomplished and how important we are to the community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Terry Blaske at 8:47 pm with the next meeting at 7 pm on July 10, 2023. All future meetings will be at the public library.