



**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

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MEETING PLACE: Central Valley Fire District, Station 1
215 Wings Way, Belgrade, MT

DATE: June 14, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:		<u>(Present)</u>	<u>(Absent)</u>
Trustees:	Ty Elliot, Chair	X (remotely)	
	Tim Sheehy, Vice Chair		X
	Mark MacLeod, Sec/Treas.	X	
	Justin Varley	X	
	Ron Murray	X	
Acting Chief:	Greg Tryon	X	
Interim Fire Marshal:	Jake Zlomie	X	
Interim Operations Chief:	Justin Monroe	X	
Acting Clerk:	Deb Bloem	X	
City Representative:	Jim Simon	X	

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OF TRUSTEES ARE RECORDED

GUESTS/VISITORS:

Diana Setterberg, Dustin Pitman, Collin Brozka, Jason Anderson, Nick Tucker, Dylan Bural, Dylan White, Seth Ray, Chad VanBerkum, Joe Nelson.

Meeting was called to order at **5:30 p.m.**

Chairman Elliot led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

As presented.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Ron Murray signed his Trustee Oath of Office.

Note remaining terms of the current trustees:

Trustee:	Term expires:
Ty Elliot	May 6, 2025
Tim Sheehy	May 2, 2023
Mark MacLeod	May 7, 2024
Justin Varley	May 7, 2024
Ron Murray	May 2, 2023

Election of Officers:

Justin Varley nominated **Trustee MacLeod as Secretary Treasurer.**

Trustee Ron Murray seconded the nomination.

Mark MacLeod nominated **Tim Sheehy as Vice Chairman.** Justin Varley seconded the nomination.

Justin Varley nominated **Trustee Elliot as Chairman.** Ron Murray seconded the nomination.

The nominations were unanimously approved.

The **objectives and recent updates to the Bylaws** were reviewed and the organizational meeting was concluded.

MINUTES:

Trustee Varley moved to approve the **May 24, 2022 minutes** as submitted. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Acting Fire Chief Tryon called attention to the apparatus reserve, facility reserve and operating balance added by the accountant to the budget to actual report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Trustee MacLeod moved to approve **the financial reports**. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Department received several thank you notes and pictures from **Mrs. Chapman's class at Saddle Peak Elementary** for the fun and learning they enjoyed on a tour of Station 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

As submitted.

Acting Chief Tryon reported that the **leak in the skylight** area at Station 1 is being aggressively addressed by the contractor to finish the repair.

Possible acquisition of the **property at Thorpe and Frank** for a future fire station continues to be pursued through meetings with the DNRC and the Belgrade School District.

The department teamed up with Chalet Market to host a welcome luncheon for **Big Sky Kids** from Eagle Mount at Station 1. As always, the firefighters engaged, visiting and playing games and made the kids very welcome.

Negotiations and the final budget are both in process.

The success of the **Gallatin Valley Fire Academy** seems to have encouraged applicants in the current career hiring cycle, doubling the previous number of applications received.

After the **Volunteer Defensive Firefighter Orientation night**, the department has received fourteen applications and this volunteer academy will begin in July.

The **Fire Chief search** has been narrowed down to five applicants who have been interviewed.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

As submitted.

Interim Operations Chief Justin Monroe reported that the **Gallatin Valley Fire Academy Graduation** went well after a very

successful academy and the new firefighters have begun their work on shift. He thanked the trustees who attended.

There were around 30 individuals at the **Defensive Firefighter Orientation** night with 14 applications received. All fourteen will continue on to the academy.

The **Blue Card training** has wrapped up with Amsterdam Fire and continues with Gallatin Gateway Fire.

Call volume continues to rise, at an 8% increase from this time last year.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT: As submitted.

Interim Fire Marshal Jake Zlomie reported that inspections continue as construction continues and the home sprinkler prop is almost complete with the help of Firefighter Bradbury.

He has successfully switched the majority of the department devices from **Verizon to T-Mobile**, saving the department almost \$7,000 annually and the transition has begun from Corserva to Airnote for IT services.

NBC did a nice piece on the fire academy. Acting Fire Chief Tryon thanked Jake for his work to get the word out regarding CVFD.

LOCAL 4939 REPORT:

As submitted.

Union President Dustin Pitman introduced B Shift who was in attendance at the meeting. He is proud to note that the department has received twice as many applications as the Billings Fire Department and that the department is being recognized regionally for the fire academy. Negotiations are close to being completed. Union President Pitman stands behind the recommendation that the Union gave for Acting Fire Chief Tryon.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

None.

CITY LIAISON REPORT:

City Council Member Jim Simon reiterated his appreciation of what he saw at the fire academy and the District's work with the other departments in the area. He also noted that July 5th there will be a discussion of a fireworks' ordinance during the City Council Meeting.

Trustee Varley moved to accept **the reports** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION:

Presentation to Former Chairman Joe Nelson.

Chairman Elliot thanked Joe Nelson for the example and mentor that he was while serving.

Acting Chief Tryon presented a **plaque** to Joe Nelson thanking him for his service. Joe responded by expressing what an honor it was to serve and his appreciation for the department and the caliber of the members of CVFD.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration and Decision on the Hiring of the Fire Chief

Chairman Elliot reviewed the hiring process thus far. Interim Operations Chief Justin Monroe received resumes and when the board needed assistance, they hired Greg Prothman to facilitate the process. The 17 applicants were narrowed down to 5 by the hiring committee, which included Greg Prothman, Belgrade City Manager Neil Cardwell, Trustee Ron Murray and Trustee Tim Sheehy. The committee conducted telephone interviews, with Chairman Elliot substituting for Trustee Sheehy for this portion of the process. After conversations with the participants in the process, Chairman Elliot believes that they are ready to make a decision to move forward. The Union, as well as the City of Belgrade, does support the top candidate in the process.

After polling the trustees in attendance:

Chairman Elliot moved to **approve the hiring of Greg Tryon as the Fire Chief of Central Valley Fire District**. Mark MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Elliot explained that the Board would be going into **Executive Session to discuss the status of negotiations** and then

the meeting would be adjourned immediately following the Executive Session.

Executive Session ended and it was announced that:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting of the Central Valley Fire District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **July 12, 2022.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at **7:02 p.m.**



Ty Elliot, Chairman



Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: 

Debbie Bloem, Clerk