

**PAINTED ROCKS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING OUTCOMES**

AGENDA ITEM	Present: Barb Axel, Pat Coffey, Erica Tresemer Fire Chief Shane Jessop Public: Dave Schroff, Alan Tresemer, Connie McArthur
REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE AGENDA REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE OUTCOMES OF LAST MEETING CHECK UP ON BLUE ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING	Barb called the meeting to order at 6:01. Erica moved, Pat seconded to approve tonight’s agenda. UA Pat moved, Erica seconded to approve the outcomes of the November 11, 2024 meeting. UA Blue items: Shane said the new posts for the station repair are done and stored at Armadillo. He gave the invoice for them to Erica. Mark at Fine Point says he will be ready to go in the spring. Shane will install the new outside lighting in the spring. Barb did send the Board a draft of a community letter explaining a capital campaign in the spring.
TREASURER’s REPORT	The biggest issue of our meeting is that Erica found out that the County had made a big error in the tax statements for the Painted Rocks Fire District. Instead of the 30% of our mill levy that we have requested every year since 2018, the County charged the full amount of the levy. This means that our taxpayers paid 3 times more on the line item for Painted Rocks Fire. She has been in contact with the County, but no solution has been found yet. Pat moved, Erica seconded to request that the County do a rebilling and issue a refund for the overpayment. We also want the County to send a letter to our taxpayers explaining the overcharge and what will be done to fix it. UA Barb will send an email to the community explaining the tax overcharge. Pat moved, Barb seconded that if we don’t get a response and resolution from the County, we authorize a response from our Board. UA

CHIEF'S REPORT	<p>Last year PRFR had 11 official calls, 1 in the first six months, and 10 in the last six months. 9 of the 11 were EMS calls. Lisa Axel is still working on her Paramedic degree, and once she is certified, the medical portion of our budget will have to increase (maybe \$3-4,000) for the added medicines that she is allowed to dispense. Gary Kubat is resigning from West Fork Fire.</p>
CRITICAL DATE ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fill out petitions for new/returning Board members ● Fire Company performance survey, every other year (odd) ● Sign Service Agreement with the Fire Company 	<p>Debbie Rodgers has submitted her resignation from the Board. We discussed finding new people to get involved. This is an ongoing issue. We decided not to do the yearly survey of the Fire Company. It was suggested that we should just have a dinner for the Company and sit and visit with them. We signed the Service Agreement with the Fire Company and decided it should just be an ongoing agreement unless something changes.</p>
OLD BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss capital campaign for 2025 ● Station signage ● Station repair delayed 	<p>We looked at the draft of the capital campaign letter and made suggestions, but in light of the County's tax overcharge, now might not be the best time to ask our taxpayers for more money. We discussed the need for better signage for the station out by the road. The original intent was to use the large rocks by the flag pole for signage. This will be explored further in the spring. The station repair will be delayed until spring.</p>
NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transfer 24-month CD to county account ● Electronic method for donations 	<p>Barb moved, Pat seconded to move the money from the 24-month CD at Bitterroot Federal Credit Union to the County account. UA Once we do start a capital campaign, it will be important to have some type of electronic means for people to donate. Barb moved, Pat seconded to task Ross to explore electronic options for donations. UA Ross will report back to the Board at the next meeting about electronic options. Cash App was suggested for ease and less fees.</p>
BOARD COMMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p>None</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Connie McArthur wanted to be sure that our Painted Rocks email was being handled well. Dave Schroff is concerned about access up Hughes Creek and that citizens have to plow that road. He would like the Fire District to buy a road grader to plow Hughes Creek. One of the biggest obstacles, besides the huge cost, is that we would have to have insurance and someone to operate it. Shane is very clear that he won't ask his volunteer firefighters to add any more duties. Dave said he would like the County to revisit this issue. Barb will coordinate some type of meeting with the County Commissioners. Alan came to offer a one-day training session for the Board (possibly a full-day on a Saturday) to focus on strategic planning and vision work. He has invited Sula</p>

	and will invite West Fork to share in such a session. The Board said they would look over the information.
ASSIGN DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6pm at the fire station.
ADJOURN	Pat moved, Barb seconded to adjourn at 9:00pm.

Only agenda items will be discussed and voted on at the Board meeting. The public may bring up any topics during the “Public Comments” segment, but the Board can only vote on items that appear on the current agenda. Items can be added to the agenda by emailing Barb Axel at baaxel@aol.com three days in advance of the meeting.