

PAINTED ROCKS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

APRIL 20, 2026 MEETING OUTCOMES

AGENDA ITEM	Present: Barb Axel, Ross Buchanan, Pat Coffey, Steve Goss, Bob Risk Fire Chief Shane Jessop, Battalion Chief Lisa Axel Public: Dick Ranes, Derek Torix, Naomi Cheeney
REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE AGENDA REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE OUTCOMES OF LAST MEETING CHECK UP ON BLUE ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING	Ross called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Ross moved, Pat seconded to approve tonight's agenda. UA Ross moved, Bob seconded to approve the outcomes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. UA Blue items: Both old trucks have been deleted from our insurance coverage, and the new truck is now insured for \$210,000. Barb's blue item of a history of our tax levy is an ongoing project as is Shane's different door lock system for the station. Ross still needs to send a community email about the excellent information on the Fire in the Root website.
TREASURER'S REPORT	Ross reported balances of \$10,787.19 in our Farmers account and \$49,833.23 as of February 26. The state report was filed in March, and Ross is working on a fee waiver form to negate the late fees that accrued. Ross will get the new credit card account number to Shane. Ross will also check on whether it would be financially beneficial to transfer money from the County account to the Farmers account. Barb will put the transfer of money on the next agenda.
CHIEF'S REPORT	There have been no calls since the last Board meeting. Shane and Amy Brown are now licensed EMT's with IV and med endorsements. The Fire District has a 5-yr contract for fiber optic with free phone for six months, and they are working on a discount for the fiber also.
CRITICAL DATE ISSUES • Prepare, review first draft of Budget/ Budget priorities for next fiscal year • Reregister our name	On the budget draft, it was recommended that more be included for auto and property insurance, electricity, training, and possibly propane. The reregistration of our name has been taken care of.
OLD BUSINESS • Update on fraud loss • Review Strategic Plan: Intro through Plan Assumptions	We have no new info on the fraud loss. Ross will contact the FBI agent to see if there is any information. Has the FBI looked into the account that received the money? For all Board members, continue the Strategic Plan process by reviewing Planning Topics #1-3 on the shared Google doc before our next meeting.
NEW BUSINESS • Discuss fuels reduction/mitigation before fire season • Update triage and assessment documents • Set date for Summer Social	We discussed how to update the home assessment documents that were last done in 2014. We could email the old info and ask them to update it. We could have the last triage document at the Summer Social and talk about how it should be updated. So many of the properties have changed hands, along with new homes that have been added, that this will be an ongoing and time-consuming project. Shane will find the old documents so that we can decide how to

Authorize PRFD rep with MVD	proceed on this project. The Summer Social date was set for Friday, July 24, 2026. Barb moved, Pat seconded that Shane Jessop be authorized to represent the Painted Rocks Fire District with the MVD so that he will be able to handle licensing of the trucks. UA
BOARD COMMENTS	None
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Dick Ranes and Derek Torix both attended because we had an agenda item about fuel mitigation. We said that Fire in the Root had excellent information on their website, and Ross emailed that information to them.
EXECUTIVE SESSION re legal issues	The public was excused for this closed session on legal issues as permitted by Montana law.
ASSIGN DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, May 26 at 5:30pm at the fire station
ADJOURN	Ross moved, Barb seconded to adjourn at 7:54pm.

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 two days in advance of the meeting.