



**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: May 14, 2024

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:		<u>(Present)</u>	<u>(Absent)</u>
Trustees:	Ty Elliot, Chair	X	
	Mark MacLeod, Sec/Treas.	X	
	Rob Holt	X	
	Ron Murray	X	
	Darren Wilkins	X	
Acting Fire Chief:	Jake Zlomie	X	
Acting Fire Marshal:	Brandon Yung		X
Operations Chief:	Vacant		X
Acting Clerk:	Debbie Bloem	X	
City Representative:	Jim Simon	X	

NOTICE: **ALL MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE RECORDED**

GUESTS/VISITORS: Samantha Honatke, Rob and Mo Holt, Justin Monroe, Sean Rodino II.
Jeff Ball, Miranda Roy, Brinn Fiorentino, Thomas MacIntyre, Collin Brozka, Dustin Pitman, Mitch Davis, Justin Varley

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

Chairman Elliot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: As presented.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Chairman Elliot presented **Justin Varley** with a plaque thanking him for his six years of service on the Board of Trustees.

The **Oath of Office** was administered to Rob Holt, Mark MacLeod and Darren Wilkins who were elected as Trustees by acclamation.

Officer Elections:

Trustee Murray nominated **Ty Elliot as Chairman.**

Trustee MacLeod nominated **Darren Wilkins as Vice Chairman.**

Trustee Elliot nominated **Mark MacLeod as Secretary/Treasurer.**

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

MINUTES: Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the **April 9, 2024 minutes** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Central Valley Fire District received a thank you for the excellent presentation and tour by Acting Chief Zlomie and Acting Fire Marshal Yung for about 30 individuals from the **OLLI group, MSU. (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute).**

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Maureen Holt** thanked the members of the Central Valley Fire District who provided training for the Reese Creek Volunteers.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: As submitted.

Acting Chief Jake Zlomie thanked the Board and members of CVFD for allowing him to fill the position of Acting Chief for the past few months.

Preparations are proceeding for the **hiring** of a Deputy Chief of Operations and a Fleet Mechanic.

The District has committed to supporting the efforts to pass legislation to allow departments to apply for **GEMT funding** for Medicaid revenue supplementation.

Acting Chief Zlomie reported that C Shift has been using a fly car for ALS response and the crew had **a save** this week on a cardiac arrest call from Station 3.

OPERATIONS REPORT: None.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT: None.

LOCAL 4939 REPORT: **Local 4939 President Dustin Pitman** expressed appreciation from members for the outcome of the modifications to the CBA recognizing the need to raise wages. The Union also very much appreciated the Fire Chief hiring process.
Chairman Elliot added his appreciation for the Union's involvement with the Fire Chief hiring process and the positive outcome.

TRUSTEE REPORT: None.

CITY LIAISON REPORT: **City Council Member Jim Simon** reported that the City of Belgrade is working on annexing contiguous properties into the City to help define the boundaries.
Trustee MacLeod moved to accept **the reports** as submitted. Trustee Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS: **Consideration and Approval of Modifications to the 2022-2025 CBA with IAFF Local 4939**

Acting Chief Zlomie reported that there were a few small modifications to the wording as well as a change in the status of current Lieutenants to Captains. This coincides with the position

description in other departments around the state. The residency requirement has been eliminated.

The wages and compensation were the most significant changes increasing base wages and EMS incentives, making wages more comparable to other similar departments. Acting pay at the engineer level was added. The undesignated reserves will be used to cover the discrepancy in funding from tax revenue at this time.

Trustee Murray thanked everyone involved in the negotiation process and brought up the necessity to increase revenue to provide funding in the future for wages.

Trustee Wilkins moved to approve **the Modifications to the 2022 – 2025 CBA with IAFF Local 4939** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consideration and Approval of the FY25 Preliminary Budget

Acting Chief Zlomie reported that the medical insurance information has now been received for FY25 so that has been updated. The Preliminary Budget presentation was included in the April Board Meeting, so Trustees are familiar with the budget as well as the process. Gallatin County Finance provides the form for the preliminary budget submissions and rather than using the District's own form from past years, the County form will be submitted. Trustee Murray asked for information regarding the investment income to date, which is almost \$250,000. This is from interest earned on the reserves that the District maintains with the County. Trustee Murray suggested that he would like the District to look into taking over its own accounts. Finance Manager Honatke stated that working with the County as the bank for the District has gone much better since the County Finance Department took it over from the County Treasurer. Reports have been received in a more consistent and timely manner.

Trustee MacLeod moved to approve **Central Valley Fire District FY25 Preliminary Budget** as submitted. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to Move into Executive Session for Discussion of a Personnel Matter, citing MCA 2-3-203(3)

Trustee MacLeod made a motion to **move into executive session** for discussion of a personnel matter. Trustee Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session was closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting of the Central Valley Fire District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **June 9, 2024**.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Ty Elliot, Chairman



Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: 

Debbie Bloem, Clerk