

SEELEY LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
SEELEY LAKE, MT 59868
BOARD MEETING
(Corrected) Minutes For January 21, 2025

200 Firehouse Dr
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
6:00 pm

Present

Gary Lewis, Chairman
Jon Kimble, Co-Chairman
Susan Monahan, Trustee
Shirley Goudzwaard, Trustee
Rita Rossi, Secretary

Absent

Dave Lane, Chief

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief, Dave Lane led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Gary Lewis, Susan Monahan, Shirley Goudzwaard, Rita Rossi, Jon Kimble, Nathan & Tabitha Bailey, JR Long & Kim Long, Steve Kelly, Michael Bowman, Keely Larson, Brian & Susan Page, Lourdes & David Perez, Jon Espenschied, Michele Baker, Jon Bergen and Chief, Dave Lane.

III. CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUSAN Made a motion to approve the December 17, 2024, Minutes. JON seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/CORRESPONDENCE

Previous comment from Lydia Kelly was addressed – Gary -the board does not handle personnel issues. That goes to the Chief which was turned over to him.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS

Chief Lane – We were switching from QuickBooks desktop version to the QuickBooks online and not all the line items transferred over. The income is not showing. It should be fixed by next month. Jon made a motion to table until next month and Susan seconded it. Motion carried. Yes

VI. REPORTS

1. Call Volume –	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2024	YTD 2023	YTD 2024
	26	22	324	374

2. Recruitment – Chief Lane – We gave out an application today. A previous applicant went through his background check and drug screen test. He will be receiving his task books, and we will be getting another volunteer.

3. Grants Update – Chief Lane – We received a check for the VFC grant for \$4,150.00

4. Updates/Actions – Chief Lane reports: We are going to make changes to our accounting services. This other service is going to save us money. The current one is \$400 a month and the new one will be \$66 a month. The new one will be going through the books and making corrections and bring us up to date.

5. Membership Report – Dave Perez – The Foundation is doing more community outreach for scholarships. We've received one application so far. We are in process of doing a web page and FaceBook page.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Gary – Called the Deputy County Attorney, the DCA is opposed to us putting in a firearms policy. He has opened his schedule to come up and have a discussion with us. Jon made a motion, and Shirley seconded it to call and have him come to our meeting. All in favor -yes

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: (BRIEF MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER TOPICS AS NECESSARY)

Shirley – asked several Operational questions and Chief told her she was violating the bylaws, but he chose to answer the questions to be transparent.

IX. NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS

December and January reports.

Discussion about firearms with the Deputy County Attorney.

X. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: JON Motioned to adjourn Rita seconded. Meeting ended at 6:30pm. Next meeting February 18, 2025, 6:00pm