



SEELEY LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
SEELEY LAKE, MT 59868
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes For February 18, 2025

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

Present

Absent

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

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, Steve Larmour, Michael & Rosie Bowman, Keely Larson, Brian & Susan Page, Lourdes & David Perez, Gage & Rachel Seeley, Jon Espenschied, Michele Baker, Jon Bergen, Vinnie Pavlish and Chief, Dave Lane.

III. CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUSAN Made a motion to approve the January 21, 2024, Minutes. JON seconded the motion with corrections. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

M. Bowman read from his statement.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS

SUSAN Made a motion to approve the December 2025 financial report in the amount of \$24,961.80 JON seconded the motion. Motion carried Yes

RITA Made a motion to approve the January 2025 financial report in the amount of \$21,334.48. SUSAN seconded the motion. Motion carried Yes



VI. OLD BUSINESS: Moved here for the Deputy County Attorney, Vinney Pavlish to clear up questions. Jon motioned to have this moved here. Rita seconded. The reason he was here to answer whether we should have a policy for gun control. He stated he did not think it was a good idea to have a policy due to the climate of 2nd Amendment rights. Concealed law in Montana is not an infringement of rights. Abstract view of this policy could be a dangerous place that could get the services into litigation. This could put us in a constitutional bad place. The fire district has a code of conduct policy that covers most situations. Susan would like to have a closed session here. Susan made motion to go into closed session Shirley seconded. 6:28pm closed meeting here. Meeting reopened at 6:31. The question in closed session was regarding mental conditions. In the case of criminal records in Montana when you are discharged, or supervision ends the rights of that individual are restored. Liability – The law does not require the board to anticipate problems.

VII. REPORTS

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| 1. Call Volume – | Jan. 2024 | Jan. 2025 | YTD 2024 | YTD 2025 |
| | 19 | 25 | 19 | 25 |
2. Recruitment – Chief Lane – An applicant is currently going through his background check and drug screen test. He will be receiving his task books.
3. Grants Update – Chief Lane – All Federal money has been put on hold.
4. Updates/Actions – Chief Lane reports: We have a snowcat that was donated to us, and it will take a lot of money to fix it. There is interest in someone to buy it and would the board give permission to put it up in an auction? The money would go toward paying off masks and we need to recert our bottles. JON motioned to auction the snowcat SUSAN seconded.
We have a new accountant that is looking over our books should know more on Thursday. We have members going through our current EMT class and should be done around March. FF1 class is still going on.
5. Membership Report – Dave Perez – We are in process of restructuring Foundation.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – Moved to VI

- IX. NEW BUSINESS: (BRIEF MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER TOPICS AS NECESSARY)
Gage Seeley pinning

X. NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS

February Reports

- XI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: Rita Motioned to adjourn Jon seconded.
Meeting ended at 6:56pm. Next meeting March 18, 2025, 6:00pm

