

# MINUTES

## THE CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 2, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. – BUSINESS CENTER – ROOM 201 (ACROSS FROM FIRE ST 1)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A motion to call the Meeting to order at 5:36 P.M. by John Sorich and Chad Silk second the motion. All were in favor of the motion; John Sorich started the meeting.

### 2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

- **Member Present:**

Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD

Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD

George Stone, Terra Verde VFD

Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Chis Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.

John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson

- **Member Absent:**

Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner

- **Guest Present:**

Zach Osborne, Fire Chief

Joe Pat Schalk, Race Track VFD

Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.

### 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Chris Mjelde to approve the Minutes for March 7, 2023, meeting. George Stone seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.
  - The March 7, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

### 4. Public Comment on any Item on the Agenda

- None

### 5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- May 1, 2023 (FY2023 Report) balance in the TIFID Fund is \$201,776.20.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6. VFD IT Committee – Install Date

- 5/8/23 Demo with Iamresponding @ 9am @ Training Center if anyone would like to attend.
- Jerry is still trying to contact eDispatch for an installation date.

### 7. Review on Fire Department meeting from April 20, 2023

- On hold until Fire Council meeting May 4, 2023, to be reviewed next Fire Advisory Committee meeting.

### 8. Fire Council response back on having Station 1 Headquarter for Hose, SCBA, and PPE

- On Hold until future meetings from Fire Council, Jerry stated below was the discussion at Fire Council last meeting.

- Approve for Hose and SCBA
- Disapprove for PPE, Fire Council has their own interaction to share between departments.

## 9. Full Representation on all Fire Departments in the County

- Discussion to take of the agenda as an item.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 10. Training Report & Call Volume Report

- Reports handed out for review.

### 11. 2023 Equipment & Training Fund Request Forms review – Continued

- Chad: Can we put on hold the turnouts until we get through all the requests tonight, whether we get done with the requests tonight minus the turnouts and then next meeting address the turnouts again with the items on the agenda of trying to figure out a better way to purchase turnouts for members.
- Chris: Is that a motion?
- Chad: I think we were holding off on that any way on the turnouts and the gloves and hoods are...
- George: They are basically individual consumables, sort of.
- Chad: Yes, I think that is why we have approved them. So, I make a motion to hold off on all turnouts going forward. I basically made that motion last meeting.
- George: I think Race Track are the only ones requesting turnouts. The Boulevard has some hoods and gloves.
- John: So, Chad what you are thinking you want to do after this is all said and done is to find a better way of purchasing or plotting?
- Chad: Yes, get a headquarters like how we do fire hose, to where anyone can just come up and get new hose. If we had a cache of good turnout gear to where we knew the condition of it, we could throw it away and buy new sets in that size. Or if Boulevard needs a good set, they might not have the size and Terra Verde might have that size, but by having all these individual departments, there is no way to know, we might be buying multiple extra sets of turnouts. I am sure that is not popular, but again, leaves the analogy, if I was running a business, I wouldn't be buying six sets of same size and taking them to all those different stations. I would have it at one station and have a cache of them. That was my suggestion, I know there is probably some opposition to that but...
- Jerry B: I can speak for a second what happens right now is whoever needs anything comes to the Fire Council and asks for it, and then everybody checks to see what they have got. If they can swap or something, that is what happens now.
- Chad: Ok, except for Race Track?
- Joe Pat: We went to council last month, after the Advisory meeting, Jason and I took it upon ourselves to start going back to Fire Council. We have quite a few departments offered to share gear with us so.
- Chad: I don't care, whatever way, but we have been on this board for over a decade and spending this money, awning ton of turnouts that maybe needed to be replaced or didn't replace or there could be some matching sets or this or that, just a better way to do it. If that is the best way to do it great, if not, nothing wrong trying to find a better idea.
- Joe Pat: Are we including the boots as part of the turnouts? Because I think we brought it up last time we have got boots on here because we have got some really small sizes we need.
- George: I think I sort of looked through mine that I have. The smallest I found was like a size 8.
- Joe Pat: That is most of our stuff, but we need a 5-6 a couple of pairs because we have got a couple younger ladies in the department.
- Chad: When is the next Fire Council meeting?

- Jerry B: Thursday, May 4, 2023.
- Chad: Would there be a report back to you by then do you know, on the other departments?
- Jerry B: I am sure that is when they will take care of that.
- Chad: Maybe wait till Thursday.
- John: So, is it done on the same night as Fire Council, Jerry, or do they just take recommendations? Is all the gear down at the Training Center?
- Jerry B: Each department has their own.
- John: So, each department has their own running inventory.
- George: Yes, I will try to get back and look more thoroughly, I just took a cursory look, and they are the older style rubber boots.
- Joe Pat: Yeah, well, anything would work, I mean the problem is they lift their foot up and the boots are so big they are falling off.
- John: Maybe years ago, everybody had a size 12, that is all we had, and we would get size 12.
- Jerry B: I have a size 15.
- John: So, are you going to have some form of a motion that would table everything?
- Chad: Yes, table everything until we hear back from Fire Council, if anyone has quality sets and then we can address it.
- George: There is no reason why we couldn't at the next meeting, and if there isn't anything by next advisory meeting, we can recommend that or even before, I suppose.
- Chad: So, the boots are not a big deal because they are a month.
- George: Yes, they are readily available and sort of standard sizes where the turnout is manufactured for the specific size.
- Chad: And take a year, at least.
- John: So, is the inventory list current?
- George: Of what.
- John: So, the Fire Council knows what individual departments have what.
- Jerry B: The Fire Council does not have control of that, the individual department has it, yes.
- John: But there at Fire Council is where you're working.
- Jerry B: Yes, that is where we trade.
- John: Ok.
- Chris: I second your motion.
- John: We got a motion made and a second.
- George: What was the motion, time out on turnouts?
- John: All in favor, Aye.

**Chad Silk motioned to put a hold or time out on the turnouts, Chris Mjelde second the motion. All were in favor.**

- George: We can start at the beginning or start with Boulevard.
- Dan: I have a question on Big Butte stuff we approved, was he given the authority to go ahead and get that? Wasn't there some stuff he wanted to get before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Zach: I emailed Ted, what I am approving and not approving so he should be good.
- Jerry B: Could you tell us which ones?
- George: Did you approve of all the ones that were in the minutes or not?
- Zach: I didn't approve of the wildland stuff, just like I didn't last year. That can go to Title 4 stuff. I didn't want to not approve stuff last year and then approve it this year. He was asking for radio and pages both are held. He wanted a TFT Storz adapter, that was approved. He wanted two hydrant gate valves, he didn't get back to me, I was wondering why he needed two. I didn't know if his truck would be set up differently, for right now I approved one. The two wildland packs, I am asking him to use the Title 4 funds for the two-wildland hose clamps I am asking him to use the Title 4 funds.

The two gated Wye's he needs a 2.5 down to a 1.5 and 1.5 down to 1.5 both of those are approved. If he got that answer before a certain date, he could put in for that Title 4, for which he was going to for the wildland stuff. So, I don't know when he will get that if it would come in time for the 4th of July.

- George: Not until Fall usually.
- Zach: He was told the same thing last year.
- George: I can probably shed a little light on the hydrant gate valve, I think that it is not as much for hydrants as that we found in the freezing weather that it works a lot better on the 2.5 outlets, rather than going to the ball valves, they tend to freeze up and where with a lot of times with the gate valve you can't open those even when it is pretty cold.
- Joel: So, on our tender we put a gate valve on the back of our tender to fill it because a lot of times that ball valve will freeze up and we can't get it open. We also started carrying torches on our tender too, but I think those ball valves are not metal inside they are like Teflon inside and if it is heated up, it screws it up.
- George: Teflon ball
- That: We went to a gated valve on ours because we got to a hydrant and it is freezing it will not work, that is why we put one on our truck.
- Jerry B: Does the city have those wildland hose packs?
- Chad: We have them in the Brush Truck.
- Jerry B: Can they borrow it for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?
- Zach: We will see how many we have, yes. We are up there as well.
- George: We have one too that they could borrow.

## **BIG BUTTE VFD:**

### **Big Butte VFD**

#### ***Quote from Big Sky Fire Equipment***

- (1) TFT Adapter- 5" Storzx6" (M) NH @ \$351.90 each -*Approved*
- (2) Hydrant Gate Valve-2.5 NH @ \$457.20 each -*Approved*
- (1) 2.5" (F) NH x (2) 1.5" (M) NH gated Wye @ \$457.20 each -*Approved*
- (1) 1.5" (F) NH x (2) 1.5" (M) NH gated Wye @ \$420.30 each -*Approved*
- (2) Coaxsher Wildland Hose Pack @ \$99.95 each -*Denied*
- (2) Wildland Hose Clamp @ \$158.40 each -*Denied*
- (1) Estimated Freight @ \$100.00 -*Approved*

Total

#### ***Quote from Racom - HELD***

- (12) G5 P25 Dual-Band Pager, VHF & 700/800MHz @ \$688.50 each
- (12) G5 Standard Desktop Charger @ \$85.05 each
- (1) Pager Template Development - Technical Development programming @ \$85.00

(Included)

- (12) pager Programming/Bench Testing @ \$35.00 each (Included)
- (1) Estimated Freight @ \$65.00

Total

#### ***Quote from Dunne - APPROVED 1- PENDING DISCUSSION - HELD***

- (3) VP-8000 Multi Band Portable @ \$3,377.20 each
- (3) Single Bay Charger @ \$72.16 each
- (3) Speaker Mic @ \$117.00 each

Total

**TOTAL for Big Butte VFD -Approved from quote \$2,243.80**

- John: Boulevard, you are here tonight, so you can talk about your requests Joel.
- Joel: Explained his requests, 100' x 5 Storz LDH, Gloves, Hoods, Elkhart hydrant gate valve, spanner wrench set and fire extinguishers our hoods and gloves are horrible.

- Zach: Obviously, different kinds of gate valves with the difference in price between Big Butte and Boulevard.
- George: Yes, different brands and vendors.
- Joel: We have problems with the ball valve, so we just put the gate valve on, I am not sure if the Chief wanted this gate valve for the other side of the tender or if he wanted for the hydrant, I am texting him right now.
- Zach: Yes, I approved for him to get one right after the fire in Ramsey, unless this is the one, he was asking for.
- George: That would have been before this, that was in March.
- Discussion on Fire Extinguishers and their expiration date.

**Jerry Brothers made a motion to approve everything except for the 100' x 5 Storz LDH they can pick up at Station 1, George Stone second the motion. All were in favor.**

## **BOULEVARD VFD:**

### Boulevard VFD

#### *Quote from Heiman*

- (3) 100' x 5 Storz LDH @ \$1,100.00 each - *Pick up at Station 1*
- (15) Pro Tec 8 Structure Gloves @ \$79.95 each - *Approved*
- (15) Fire Dex Interceptor Hood @ \$147.00 each - *Approved*
- (1) Elkhart Hydrant Gate Valve @ \$590.00 each - *Approved*
- (1) Combination Spanner Wrench Set @ \$200.00 each - *Approved*
- (1 Estimated Shipping @ \$500.00 - *Approved*

Total

#### *Quote from A & M Fire & Safety*

- (3) New 20# ABC Fire Extinguisher @ \$190.00 each - *Approved (Zach approved 2 and service the 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

Total

### **TOTAL for Boulevard VFD - Approved from quote \$5,264.25**

- John: BSB Career Fire Department.
- Chris: Explained his request for the Technical Rescue Team, TEEX 4 member Collapsed Structure Training and that the props are expensive and that it would be cheaper to go to a class in Texas, Alabama, or Louisiana. I believe Butte has a high potential of a collapse structure, since I have been on the Career Department, I have seen 4-5 building collapsed houses and whatnot from snow load. However, I have found a couple other classes that are or that we might be able to go to for cheaper. I am thinking maybe we should wait on it for now and maybe I can find a cheaper option. There are other trainings avalanche, swift water, and confined spaces. There is extrication, which we are pretty good at, we do that often. There are all these others that we can do in this area for relatively cheap. So, rope rescue again the trench rescue are things we can do in this area.
- Jerry B: So, you want to hold on to that for right now?
- Chris: I do, until I get more information on these other trainings. I mean, we are all trying to save money here but also bring safety to the community.
- Jerry B: Do we have anything in our budget that would cover something like this.
- Zach: No, not a \$20,000.00 class but, Chris and I have had multiple conversations; it is a 7-member team, and we would be only sending 4 with the price of \$20,000.00. So, I asked Chris to hold it and start looking at other options, looking at grants and other options. We definitely need it, who knows, we may need it tomorrow but, we will keep doing what we are doing and training with what we have here and maybe we will find something in the future that is a little bit more affordable. Maybe we will send 2 guys, maybe we will find something that we can send the whole 7-member team. Who

knows, maybe Missoula will bring something in, and we will get to jump on their wagon. So, we are just going to hold it. I look at that price of \$19,700 and it kind of scares me a little bit.

- George: The other thing is we are in a pretty earthquake prone area too, and that to me would be the number one collapse issue probably.
- John: We will put that on hold, the next is a 5-member, 40-hour investigation course.
- Zach: This one I can talk about, our fire Marshall Kelly Lee is not here to explain it, but this is just a 40-hour investigation course in Central Valley in Belgrade that Belgrade Fire Department got a company to come in and is doing a 40-hour investigation class, so they will do live burns and then have the members investigate that class. The problem with this is that it needed to be paid for about 6 weeks or a month ago, so this class was a total of \$4,666.68 that got paid for already out of our training budget, which we have had a little bit of money left and in replacement of this for the TIFID since we are not sending anybody to Collapsed structure training this year. I am going to have the 7-members of the technical rescue team get swift water rescue trained on the Big Hole at the end of May and that course was \$3,500.00. So, this fire investigation class of \$4,666.68 is getting swapped with a different training that is \$3,500.00.
- John: This will not be popular either, but what are the thoughts of driving back and forth every day for the fire investigation training.
- Zach: That was talked about, we have paid for the class already but not the hotel.
- George: Isn't there some sort of council rule or whatever that if you are within a certain distance you have got to drive, and you can't stay.
- Zach: Depends on when the class goes till, some of these are night classes. They do investigations at night.
- Jerry B: Are you opening that swift water for any of the volunteers?
- Zach: No, tech rescue team of the Career fire department and that \$3,500.00 was to teach 7 people. Chad, I think yours is the next one.
- Chad: The next section is from Sea Western a setup for 4 different high-rise systems for our trucks. Right now, we have a terrible system; some departments wouldn't even call it a system, our high-rise packs are put together with webbing and buckles that I made years ago. I decided to put in a request for a legitimate high-rise system that has a low-pressure package built within it, that is why you see the lengths of hose and other nozzles. We do have 2 ½ hose and 1 ½ inch and 1 ¾ hose, but with this hose, with the low-pressure system, it is able to function at a lower pressure and that is what we want in a high-rise system, we are going to go to lower pressure, high volume. That is why we have the smooth bore 2 ½ shut off in there as well. So we can go from smooth bore and with threaded tip on there of thread that tip off and immediately break down into an inch or three quarter tip all while being in a low-pressure setup, this setup also has straps for all of the hose and it has a little case where you have spanner wrenches, pressure gauges and elbows, along with door shocks set up in the package to. So, we would have a true mid to low rise system. Now, we don't always get a lot of fires in the high rise or mid-rise areas. I probably used the high-rise packs more with extending hose or coming off a truck. So, it will have a little bit of dual purpose, but this would outfit 4 full high rise pack systems. Now, I know I am going to get the question why we ask for 4. Three for the frontline engines and then one for the ladder truck in case either one was out of service, and we didn't remember to move it over or if something gets switched and it doesn't get the 1 ½, but it has the 2 ½ but the bag doesn't come with it, so we don't have all the whole system with all these moving parts. So, that is why there are 4 that I asked for in this.
- George: So, what is this 100, each pack would be 100 feet of two?
- Chad: You would have 100' of 2 ½ and 100' 1 ¾.
- George: Like wildland hose, similar or not.
- Chad: No, it is still double jacked, but it is just lighter, it is not any lighter, just has the ability to not kink, less kink resistant at lower pressure, because these nozzles that we have on here, you can see 150 PSI of 150 GPM at 50 PSI running the low-pressure, meaning that if anything got hung up in the

crappy standpipe systems that we have, or the fact that if we had too many kinks or the elevation was too high, or if we went right into a window and we had a real bad kink at the window sill, we would still be able to function at a proper gallons per minute at a low pressure. So, the hose is different in the fact that it just doesn't kink as much. It is less link resistant. The 100' of 2 1/2" and 1/2 for each kit, that is what we are set up with right now.

- George: So, that is good if you are not going horizontal the whole way, is it good for what 5, well we don't have much over 5 stories anyway.
- Chad: So, Finland, Herbert Towers and Metals, there are very few high rises, more mid rises, but it will also allow you to go horizontal as well, coming off the truck into a window and then go horizontal into a building. So, the 200 or the 100' per bundle is something that is common, we don't want to carry 150' per bundle, it is just too much to manage.
- Jerry B: I would think in all honesty, I don't think we have to have four. I really think if you have one out of service, you take all the equipment off that and put it on the next truck.
- Chad: What are you saying three?
- Jerry B: That would be my suggestion, but, I don't really have any high rises, well yes, I do, mid-range I guess would be Big Sky.
- Chad: Even that with horizontal hose movement too, that is the way that we function or should function in fire tactics, is if we have any large buildings we need to go isolate doors, figure out where it is at, size up the inside and then there is two things that need to happen, the hose needs to get there and then water needs to get to the hose. So, by having these systems, regardless of if it is a long stretch inside or going up vertically outside or inside, that is how it is set up, having that 1 3/4 ready, guys already masked up, flanked out and then just introduced the extra 2 1/2 to those nozzles means, kind of the whole concept of how it should work.
- George: How is this compared to regular 2 1/2 that we are using double jacket?
- Chad: As far as price wise, I don't know because we already had it.
- George: I was just wondering if the price is the same or close to the same, why don't we, rather than buying regular jacketed hose, buy these.
- Chad: I will double check on that because I would prefer to have ,lower pressure, higher gallonage water hose for all the hose.
- George: Most of the time we are not going over 150 PSI anyway.
- Chad: Yes, rare, with the complement of nozzles that are out there it is hard to get new nozzles and then have your whole attack package work, because if you have a low-pressure nozzle it doesn't matter, right. Because of the hose, the hose just stinks, right. So, the whole package itself must be complemented and that is why all of this is together and all of it is new.
- Dan C: Question, this is for high rise, bringing water all the way from the ground up, is the intent. Now, don't the main buildings, Finland, the Herbert Towe, they all have new fire systems where they have a three- or four-inch line that goes every floor?
- Chad: So, they should but they don't. Fire Marshall Lee is working with Finland, some have sprinklers, some just have connections, and some don't have both. You think they would and should right .
- Dan C: They just received a grant through the Council to put all that in.
- Chad: Yes, and the Herbert Tower does have that with the connection but a 2 1/2 outside.
- Dan C: 2 1/2?
- Chad: Yeah, and that is common thread is because 2 1/2 isn't standard pipe, it is 2 1/2" thread 1 3/4 can be pipe national. I mean, whatever else you want to that common connection is 2 1/2 down and then you reduce.
- Dan C: Then each floor , you can tap into that.
- Chad: So, with that being said, if there is only one standpipe on a certain part of the building and the fire is on the other side of the building, we need to have the opportunity to go out of a window and not use the standpipe. What that also does is if we go into a building and plan on a standpipe

connection there and it is not there. We must be ready to either go one way or the other and with the complement of a fire hose with the 100', which is not a lot, sometimes it is too much.

- o John: What are your thoughts going with 3?
- o Chad: We would be happy with anything; we don't have any system right now. I think like anyone, anyone who gets money out of the TIFID should be happy and we would be happy with three.

**George Stone motioned to approve 3 this year and Jerry Brothers second the motion. All were in favor. (\$11,625.75 s/b \$11,725.81 from quote)**

- o Chad: Thank you guys, that is a big deal for us.
- o Chris: There is one more at the bottom and I will speak on, last year's TIFID I requested 4 sets of this gear, this year I requested 3. This is all rope rescue gear and is for the Technical Rescue Team, like the Chief said, there are 7 members, this is all rope, rope is both the freestanding discipline and the discipline that spans all of them. So, this would suit the others currently. The seven-man team we have the four kits and then there are two people, including myself that are using our own personal gear. I don't know if there is any liability with that or not. It is not just for rope rescue calls, it is if we get anything, an avalanche call or whatever, this gear is going.

**George Stone motioned to accept the quote from Peak for \$1,910.46, Chad Silk second the motion. All were in favor.**

## **BSB CAREER DEPARTMENT**

### Butte-Silver Bow Career Fire Department

#### ***Quote from TEEX -HELD- Chris wanted held until he finds cheaper option***

(4) Members- Collapsed Structure Training at TEEX, Texas A&M, for the Technical Rescue Team 80 Hour FEMA Course @ \$500.00 each -HELD

#### ***Quote from Expedia -HELD***

(4) Members -Airfare and Hotel @ \$1,436.22 each -HELD

#### ***Total***

#### ***Quote from Fire Investigation Course -FIRE FUND PAID***

(5) Members- 40 Hour Fire Investigation Course May 8-12, 2023 @ \$500.00 each

(5) Members Lodging in Belgrade 3 rooms x 4 Nights @ \$541.67/Night or \$180.56/room

#### ***Total -\$4,666.68***

#### ***Quote from Sea Western -APPROVED for 3 packs not 4 packs***

(8) Key Fire Hose DP25-Tru, 2.5" TRU ID Polyester Double Jacket Fire Hose, Rubber Lined With 2.5" Aluminum Couplings NST, 50' Length @ \$277.24 each

(8) Key Fire Hose #DP17-TRU, 1.75" TRU ID Polyester Double Jacket Fire Hose, Rubber Lined with 1.5" Aluminum Couplings NST, 50'Length @ \$211.86 each

(4) Elkhart Brass 2.5"XD Shutoff @ \$495.78 each

(4) Elkhart Brass Standpipe Bag Kit @ \$1,312.78 each

(4) Elkhart Chief XD Tip 1.5 FNH GPM 150 PSI 50 @ \$483.91 each

(8) R&B Fabrications Hose Gripper @ \$184.80 each

(4) Elkhart Brass XD Hand land Nozzle :XD Smooth Bore @ \$135.00 each

(1) Shipping 400.00

***Total -Approved \$11,625.75 s/b \$11,725.81***

#### ***Quote from Peak -APPROVED***

(3) Scarba @ \$162.50 each



(3) BD Big Gun Harness L @ \$129.00 each  
(3) 10mm Dynex Runner 240cc @ \$25.00 each  
(3) 10mm Dynes Runner 120cc @ \$13.00 each  
(21) Auto Locking Carabiners @ \$15.72 each  
(7) Non-Locking Carabiners @ \$8.00 each  
(6) Prusik Minding Pulley 13mm @ \$78.00 each  
(3) Helmets @ \$59.00 each  
(1) Shipping -\$125.00  
Total – \$1,910.46

***Quote from Swift Water Rescue (to replace request Fire Investigations)-APPROVED***

(7) Members- Swift Water Rescue Course @ \$3,500.00 -Approved  
Total -\$3,500.00

**TOTAL for Butte-Silver Bow Career Fire Department -Approved from quote \$17,036.21 s/b \$17,136.26**

**George Stone motioned to approve the Swift Water Rescue, John Sorich second the motion. All were in favor.**

- John: Moving on to Centerville, 5 Radios and 5 Pagers.
- Jerry B: I talked to Mike he could get by with three.
- Chad: Did you guys bring up at Fire Council the idea of putting them in the engine and checking them out for accountability as well.
- Jerry: They were against it.
- Chad: I figured, but for what reasons?
- Jerry B: First of all, a lot of times we are far apart, like when we go up to Williamsburg and that, you know, there is everything is so far apart.
- Chad: Ok, the other radios will work, 800 still work and then if you are on water suppl should be on a different channel anyways, switch to VHF and then on interior firefighting, guys are going to have to come up, there should be a face to face and then an assignment given. That was kind of the reasoning behind them. Everyone who needs a radio gets a radio, in that situation.
- George: the one thing I had a question on that somewhat this is some of the guys I have talked to that are pretty familiar with some of that stuff where we were talking about in GPS locating and stuff and that's when we were going to take all the yellow or green ones, whatever you want to call them and put them on the interior stuff. They basically say it won't work; GPS isn't especially inside a building is not accurate enough to be able to tell you right where they are.
- Chad: But so as far as accountability would be the accountability of assignment given by the IC.
- George: What doesn't make a difference as to the radio per say, is whether the green or the Kenwood's or whatever.
- Chad: Yes, what it does is it allow me to have accountability of the scene right there, who is assigned what radio checking in, not switching. I have done it to these guys multiple times where I have had to switch radio channels inside the building, and I don't like doing it now. If we could get to a point where they're all switched on, tap one, along with like the accountability, with these guys, I know right. But if Joel walks out and I say, hey, Joel, you have 2 guys to meet up with Mjelde. Mjelde has an assignment, if anything were to go bad, we have no accountability system that is legit. We can kind of pretend like we do, right? Every department kind of has one, they maybe do it, they maybe don't do it. But as a county wide legitimate accountability, that is where I think it becomes just as valuable, as well as having the radios there all the time. I figured the Volunteer Council wasn't for it.

- Zach: It solves the radio problem as soon as the volunteer department gets on scene, they have all the radios. We did a Hazmat drill for REC not too long ago and as a thank you, they are buying and donating to us about a \$2,000.00 accountability system that we will put on Engine 4 that may work perfect with this plan. So, it maybe what we are going to try to go to, it may solve our radio issue.
- Chad: We had radio training a little bit, we need to dive deeper into it with questions to be answered on the radios. The old radios still work, so even at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, someone mentioned they used to have 12 radios and now they only have two. They have 14 radios that could work, especially during water supply, right? If the Chief wanted to go to with this plan, and the radios were in the trucks, no one would be less safe, especially inside a structure fire. It is hard to argue that “we want to make the guys as safe as possible inside the structure fire” and then the radios aren’t even on the trucks sometimes, so. I think this just needs to have a little more discussion before we start spending and allocating radios, that might be a better system. I know that it’s not popular because not everyone has their hands on them and they are not in trucks or in someone’s house, but it gets the radios on scene where they need to be. I would just make a motion on all radios and pagers, just to hold off, or get some radios coming and get a system that can be put inside a truck and start it.
- Riley: So, if you do the math to put radios on trucks to equip 4 trucks with complete Bank of radios is \$63,962.32, that is participating in the exchange for the Motorola’s that we already own. So, we would exchange a Motorola for a new Kenwood that would leave 2 radios with every volunteer department, they would still have the 2 they started with.
- Chad: 2 Motorola’s?
- Riley: They would have 2 Kenwood’s now; they would exchange Motorola’s back to fill these banks. That would give us a total of 24 radios for volunteer use at the fire scene, and that would also keep 2 Kenwood’s in the possession of each Volunteer Fire Department. That would give us a total of 46 radios allotted for use in Butte Silver Bow for the Volunteer Fire Departments. Whereas if we keep budgeting through the requests, we would be looking at \$77,428.32 and that would only give us 51 radios, but rather than having 24 radios at a fire scene, we might only have 5-6. It puts the numbers where they need to be with less money.
- Chad: What did you say 60 what?
- Riley: Money being spent? \$63,962.32 that equips 4 trucks, but we would have to exchange radios, keep 2 in every volunteer truck.
- Joe Pat: So, is that buying Kenwood’s to replace all the Motorola’s that are already out there?
- Riley: Yes.
- Joe Pat: And the Kenwood’s that are already out there will stay out there as well?
- Riley: So, that would leave, we would have to buy a couple more, but would leave 2 Kenwood’s radio at every volunteer department 24 hours a day and would put 4 banks and chargers of Motorola’s on four BFD apparatus, to be on scene and be distributed.
- Jerry B: Why would you be putting them in 4?
- Riley: We just crunched the numbers for 4.
- Jerry B: You are only need 3 fire trucks.
- Riley: Yes, that is for 3 frontline apparatus and to give us the potential for the Latter or could give us the potential for the new Engine 3, which is sort of a hybrid truck. That is why we put those numbers in there we can do the math, to equip 4 apparatus we only must buy 2 radios, with the numbers we have right now. We would have to buy 2 more Motorola’s, and we could equip 4 apparatus. Or we could just leave it where it is and leave 1 apparatus 2 radios dry.
- John: Ok
- Chad: I think we should keep moving and I would like to digest that before on what that looks like, but as far as getting through the requests.
- George: The major concern is just having enough, a lot of the volunteers don’t deal with, or they are not oriented structurally, particularly more tend to be wildland in their areas than structures. Then on

the structure side of it, so that is where things get spread farther apart and where it is handier to have. You are not necessarily checking in with the city engines while in a wildland situation.

- Chad: Yes, I get that.
- George: I think the more radio is going to be better, I am not quite sure what I was hearing here. We have 2 Motorolas and 2 Kenwood's, which I think works, but six would be better, but four is adequate. But if you are going to take away both Motorolas and not replace them with Kenwood's, I wasn't sure where that was going, whether you are just going to take all the Motorolas back to bank up the trucks, or you were going to replace all the Motorolas that come from the volunteers. I am not clear on the proposal is for that as far as would you be reducing us back down to two or are you talking about just replacing Motorola's.
- Chad: Mjelde and my original thought was to just get even started with three banks in the trucks with like 12 more radios right now without taking radios back. I think it was brought up; I don't think there was any motion. That is why I think we just need to pump the brakes. If you guys have radios, I don't think any more radios need to be taken away. But as far as going out and spending more money on radios when we potentially have a plan, that is what I was thinking.
- Chris: I don't want to reduce any of the current number of radios the volunteers or the paid department has. I safest way would be if everybody could have their own radio, but financially that is not feasible. So, the original idea was whatever that number is on the 3 Engines that are at all the fires, put that bank whether it is 3, 5, 7, I don't know, bank of radios on each engine and the accountability system too.
- Chad: This would be in addition to that you could come check in because they are in my opinion, there need to be some sort of assignment given and accountability, because we don't have one right now. The more I go on calls the more I realize, why don't we have it? Also, having extra radios in the trucks that don't need to be distributed everywhere that are at the fire and then if you needed one, you could come to check in.
- John: So, are you talking about eliminating all the VHF radios and everything going to be UHF or a combination of UHF and VHF.
- Chad: No, no, a combination still, so even those old VHF, I think are very valuable that have gotten just diminished and just thought less of because of this 800 system, Fire 4, Red Fire 1 still have and need to have the ability to set someone else on a different channel, no problem, water supply, no problem. The problem we were having trouble with was when we were inside of a structure fire, we couldn't even hear each other. Therefore, that is where you need the 800, therefore, if you are with these guys who are inside, I think they need the 800's no matter what, no messing around with the VHF. I think everyone agrees with that, not to replace the VHF at all.
- Riley: I think the contrary to 800 are ideal on a structure, 800 are not ideal in wildland, because if there is not a tower, they are offline.
- Joe Pat: Mentioned Walkerville and Melrose if they would get Kenwood's for their one Motorola?
- Chad: We have had this discussion multiple times, I think Walkerville doesn't have a fire budget, but does the city of Walkerville have a budget? I imagine that it just comes out of the general fund of the City of Walkerville. It would not surprise me if Jeff was told not to buy radios for Walkerville and Melrose and he at least got them one.
- George: I think it just comes out of the general fund of Walkerville.
- Zach: The city of Walkerville must have a budget.
- Dan C: The reason this whole thing is Walkerville and Melrose are separate because of TIFID and how TIFID is set up. But this whole radio deal was a whole new deal that came before the Council that was a County wide deal and separate than TIFID and had nothing to do with singling out any departments and every department was involved and should be involved equally.
- Chad: If Jeff had the ability to purchase more radios he would have.
- Dan C: This was not part of the TIFID, this was a whole new thing for the radio system.
- Chad: I get it.

- Zach: TIFID got put into the Fire Department budget, I get your opinion. You have expressed it and I have told you what JP has told me and Danette, the TIFID is part of the Butte Silver Bow Fire Department Budget, they are not part of the Butte Silver Bow Fire Department's Budget. They have their own separate budgets. Like Chad said, and I don't want to put words in Jeff's mouth either, but from what I heard from Danette, Walkerville and Melrose have their own budget. They were told, "We will buy you one, and then it is up to you to buy more". At the time, it was my understanding from what I heard is that was an agreement.
- Dan C: But, when this came before the Council for us to approve the money for the whole system, it was for the fire system, it wasn't nobody verbally left out, when we approved this money, they didn't say this is for Joe Blow this, this, this, but these guys aren't part of it. This was a separate fund that was approved through the Council for the Fire Department and there was nothing brought up that these guys would be singled out. They were singled out in the TIFID money that is understood. It wasn't a gift to those departments because they are still part of Butte Silver Bow fire protection.
- Zach: They are a part of the Butte Silver Bow Emergency Services, not Fire Services.
- Dan C: This wasn't brought up as a fire department issue, it was emergency services fund, what we approved. The Fire Department, the Police Department.
- John: Let's go back to the agenda.
- Jerry B: Let's continue the radios until the next meeting.
- Chad: Let's get through the rest of the requests.
- George: Centerville is only radios and pagers so.
- John: Radios and Pagers are on hold.

## CENTERVILLE VFD

### Centerville VFD

#### *Quote from Racom -HELD*

(5) G5 P25 Dual-Band Voice Pager, VHF & 700/800MHz, Cov P25 @ \$749.70 each

(5) Pager Programming/Bench Testing @ \$35.00 each

(5) Shipping @ \$25.00 each

Total

#### *Quote from Dunne -HELD*

(5) VP-8000 Multi Band Portable @ \$3,377.20 each

(5) Single Bay Charger @ \$72.16 each

(5) Speaker Mic @ \$117.00 each

Total - Addition was off from request

**TOTAL for Centerville VFD -**

- Chad: Floral Park didn't submit anything.

## FLORAL PARK VFD:

### Floral Park VFD

*No requests were submitted.*

- Chad: Home Atherton is next. Radio and Pager and Blow Hard Battery Pack, did we approve last month?
- Jerry B: We talked about it, but I don't think any decision was made. I think it was up to Zach to say what he wanted to do about that, because we are holding the first two, right?
- Chad: Yes.

## HOME ATHERTON VFD:

### Home Atherton VFD

#### *Quote from Dunne*

- (3) VP-8000 Multi Band Portable @ \$3,700.00 each *-HELD*
- (9) G5 P25 Dual-Band Voice Pager, VHF & 700/800MHz, @ \$810.00 each *-HELD*
- (1) Blow Hard Battery Pack @ \$576.00 each *-Approved*

Total

**TOTAL for Home Atherton VFD -Approved from quote \$576.00**

**Chad made a motion to approve the Blow Hard Battery Pack, Chris Mjelde second the motion. All were in favor.**

## LITTLE BASIN CREEK VFD:

### Little Basin Creek VFC

*No requests were submitted.*

- George: For Race Track VFD the turnouts and stuff for the radios are on hold for this month anyways.
- Jerry B: We approved the Glove and Hoods last month.
- John: Approved for the \$906.00
- Jerry B: When we were talking about the gas sensor, last year we decided not to do it because of the expense ongoing, I am not sure if we denied it.
- George: I think we denied it, but I don't know that we voted on it.
- John: So, we don't have any more on Race Track?
- Chad: Yeah, pending Fire Council, I don't know if you are attending the Fire Council meeting on Thursday.
- Joel: Where are we at for the Boots for Race Track?
- Joe Pat: We were going to ask the Fire Council.
- George: I was going to recheck and see if we have anything smaller.
- Chad: So, there is boots and turnouts, coats, and pants, right.
- George: I don't have any sizes on the others, so, I don't know. Again, we need the sizes, and we can see what we have got. I think the other departments will be the same.
- Joe Pat: I will have to see who needs what right now. Right now, just stuff they probably shouldn't be wearing and if you got something that we can replace that with for the time being, we will go that route. But I will look training is the same time as Council. We are not in desperate need for the gear as the boots right now.
- John: How many boots do you need?

- Joe Pat: We need at least 2 sets of smaller boots; we are going to see if any other department has any.
- John: I would be surprised if any other department had real small boots like that.
- Chad: 5's is that what you said?
- Jerry B: There has been women in other departments.
- John: **I would make motion to approve the 2 sets of boots, we are talking \$650.00**
- Chad: **Second**
- Dan C: I was going to say we are going to approve them anyway if nobody else has them.
- Joe Pat: If they have something we won't buy them.
- John: There we go that will work.
- Chad: **Approval pending not having any boots in the right size.**
- John: **Motion made and second, All in favor**

## RACE TRACK VFD:

### Race Track VFD

#### *Quote - HELD*

(6) Handheld Radios @ \$4,000.00 each

Total - \$24,000.00

#### *Quote MES - APPROVED*

(6) M1x Fire Fit - Gauntlet Balck/Red @ \$79.00 each

(6) 20% Normex 80% Lenzing with Stedair Prevent particulate barrier Color: Black/Heather @ \$72.00 each

Total -\$906.00

#### **Quote MES -**

(2) HFRP Tail Coat @ \$1,575.00 each - *HELD*

(2) HFRP Tail Pant @ \$1,225.00 each - *HELD*

(2) Black Diamond X2 Leather & Fusion bunker Boot Custom fit System Model 0912 @ \$339.99 each – (*HELD pending current inventory sizes, approved if no sizes found*)(*Zach Approved*)

(1) MX4, LEL (Pentane), CO, H2S, O2 Battery: Lithium-ion Extended Range Battery Charger: Auto Charger, Pump Option: Pump Color: High Visibility Orange Approvals: UL/CSA Carrying Case: None 4 gas meter with Pump @ \$1,150.00 -*DENIED*

Industrial Scientific Ventis MX4 DSX Standalone Cloud Based Docking Station for calibration @ \$1,225.00 each - *DENIED*

Shipping @ \$100.00

Total - Shipping not included in request, but on quote \$8,754.98

**TOTAL for Race Track VFD -Approved from quote \$906.00 + pending boots \$679.98**

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**No request submitted for Rocker VFD**

## ROCKER VFD:

### Rocker VFD

*No requests were submitted.*

### TOTAL for Rocker VFD

- George: Basically, the same as last year, we did not purchase any, the Council approved four sets of boots and Zach approved only two.
- Zach: You asked for 6 last year, and I approved 3 and didn't get a reply.
- George: Yeah, well, I think you approved 2 and you said to get Danner's and that is what we were looking to somewhat replace because they sore everybody up, they can't wear them. We got them on a grant 10-15 years ago at least, it has been a while. That is why I came back with Kenetrek boots this year because you had indicated that what the career were wearing was Danner's. All the Career guys that we have seen on fire scene are wearing either Kenetrek or their own Whites or something like that.
- Chad: The Danner wildland boots?
- George: Yes.
- Chad: I love mine.
- Riley: The Danner wildland boots look very similar, if I would put a Kenetrek and a Danner side by side on the table, I don't think you could tell the difference.
- George: Yeah, I don't think there is any difference in price either, really to speak of. The Kenetrek are a little more comfortable, it is a little questionable as far as meeting wildland code of having a hard sole on them.
- Zach: You and I have talked about why, before I was approving half of what you were asking, because all that money from beforehand, where you and I and a couple of the other members with Chief Doherty had that meeting.
- George: Yes.
- Zach: At the time, you had explained to us that you had not asked for an item for years because you were using the money that you were making on wildland for this stuff. Well, I looked back and you were asking for multiple pairs of boots and gear every year. We talked and I thought we had agreed that you have over \$100,000.00 somewhere.
- George: No.
- Zach: That is because you have spent some of it.
- George: Over the years, yes.
- Zach: You have made over \$114,000.00 that there is no record of. So, in the conversation that we had, the reason why I don't want to seem like I am being nitpicky when you asked for 6 and I say 3. I will buy 3 and you buy 3, because there is money somewhere. I don't mind that you are asking for 4, and I don't mind that you are asking for Kenetrek's instead of Danner's. I don't care what boots you get. That is the reason I only approved 3 last year.
- Jerry B: He has got quite a bit of money in the Wildland Fund, doesn't he? \$35,000.00?
- Zach: Butte Silver Bow.
- Jerry B: Couldn't it be bought out of there?
- Zach: This can be bought out of the TIFID, that is fine.
- Jerry B: I am not talking about TIFID.
- Zach: Terra Verde, somewhere has money. \$35,000.00 of it went into the Wildland Fund for Butte Silver Bow's Tender that was used by Terra Verde. \$25,000.00 of that replaced Engine 2's engine two years ago, when we didn't have any money to get anywhere else, so, we used wildland money to buy Engine 2's engine, engine replacement. That is a different topic, I just didn't want to make it

seem like I was being nitpicky on 3 and 3. I thought we had talked beforehand to I will buy 3 and you will buy 3.

- George: I don't recall that at all but...
- Joel: On the TIFID request for 2022 it just says 4.
- George: That is what I thought, and you approved 2.
- Zach: 2 and 2.
- George: That is why I was going back and looking, that is the email you sent me is 2 and it kind of made me angry.
- Zach: You can let it make you angry, it angers me that there is \$100,000.00 floating around of Butte Silver Bow's money, that we have no record of.
- George: No.
- Zach: We can look back it was \$114,000.00, you told me you bought 2 King Radios.
- George: Right.
- Zach: That is not \$114,000.00.
- George: We didn't make \$114,000.00 that year.
- Zach: No, over the years you have made \$114,000.00, it wasn't that many years ago.
- George: It has been a lot of years.
- Zach: But you had told us in that meeting you're saving it to build a new station.
- George: That was the idea, until we found out Butte Silver Bow owns the station, that idea cooled off.
- Zach: Ok, carry on, 4 Kenetrek boots.
- John: Ok, what is your pleasure?
- Jerry B: I would say buy them, that is all that is on the request?
- George: Yes, other than the pagers and radios.
- Jerry B: That is on hold.
- George: Yes.

**Jerry Brothers made a motion to buy the Kenetrek boots, Joel second the motion. All were in favor.**

- John: Kenetrek boots for \$1,600.00.
- Joel: We are doing 2 or 4.
- Jerry: 4
- George: The request was for 4, whether that is what he approves.

**TERRA VERDE VFD:**

**Terra Verde VFD**

***Quote from Dunne - HELD***

(4) VP-8000 Multi Band Portable @ \$3,377.20 each

(4) Single Bay Charger @ \$72.16 each

Total

***Quote from Racom - HELD***

(6) G5 P25 Dual-Band Pager, VHF & 700/800MHz @ \$688.50 each

(6) G5 Standard Desktop Charger @ \$85.05 each



(1) Pager Template Development - Technical Development programming @ \$85.00  
(Included)

(6) pager Programming/Bench Testing

(1) Estimated Freight @ ??

Total

**Quote from Millers Boots - APPROVED**

(4) Kenetrek Wildland Boots @ \$400.00 each

Total

**TOTAL for Terra Verde VFD -Approved from quote \$1,600.00**

- John: Does everyone have a running total?
- George: Just for the record, so everyone knows is on that water tender that we got on the wildland or on the grant FEMA Grant, Butte Silver Bow put in somewhere around \$7,000.00 and we put in I think it was around \$38,000.00 out of that we earned on wildland funds to put on drop chains, the bigger pump, rather than the 500 which is standard. We put in the 750 so we can make it an engine tender. We put on a monitor on the front, and I think we put foam on it also. We did that all with the funds that we earned from wildland. I would have to go back and look at the numbers for sure, but I think that was around \$38,000.00. So, it is not as if we have been just willy-nilly spending stuff. We can prove where it all got spent at. It has all been spent on equipment to improve the fire department because that is where those funds went when we were getting them, they went into our equipment fund, and that is what it was spent for is for equipment. So, just to clarify that.
- John: Do we want to put in the minutes how much we are approving on the expenditure out of the TIFID
- Riley: \$27,292.09
- Chad: Joel is double checking right now.
- George: Were you thinking about doing another 10 Kenwood's or 8 Kenwood's this year too, seems like you had mentioned before? Or over a period of years but not now?
- Zach: I thought you guys were going to continue your discussion on getting the banks.
- Chris: Figure out the radio bank system, boots, and turnouts.
- Zach: I will probably call Ted Bury now that I know what his second hydrant valve was used for, so the total might be different.
- George: I don't think we would have any trouble swapping our Motorola's for Kenwood's, it would be simpler, so everybody knows one radio rather than having to know 2 radios.
- Joe Pat: Any Fire Extinguisher manufacturer before 1984 needs to be out of service. Anything newer than that should be hydro tested.
- John: There are stamps on the bottom, I believe.
- Joe Pat: Of the manufactured date, yes, there should be a manufactured date stamped on the label and then the tag is usually how many years whenever they are hydrated.
- John: So, you guys are going to come back with more about the plan, would you kind of have some numbers and a written proposal?
- Chad: Wanted to throw around the ideas and see where it landed and take the next step.
- John: Worth reviewing and looking at.
- Joe Pat: Each department would have enough now and then had a bank of radios, with accountability.
- Chris: **What about the installation date on number 6, VFD IT Committee?**

- Jerry B: First of all, I have a guy coming in on Monday, May 8th at 9:00 am to the Training Center. He is with Iamresponding. As far as eDisptach I received some information gave it to Guy, he gave it to McPherson and McPherson said no one has contacted him about putting anything up there. I called him, left him a message, and haven't heard back. I called the undersheriff left a message with him and never heard back and yesterday I sent them both emails. So, hopefully we can get that straightened around.
- John: So, more to come.
- Jerry B: Anyone is welcome to come on Monday morning, more of a sales pitch than anything.
- John: So, we will keep this on the agenda.
- Joel: I came up with \$27,730.23 (s/b \$27,726.32)
- George: It could change if freight is any different.
- Jerry B: Yes, because all these quotes are expired now.
- John: At least we will have in the minutes.
- Joel: We are under budget.
- John: Approximately \$30,000.00, all right, let's move on **review on Fire Department meeting 4/20/23.**
- Jerry B: This here would probably be better to be tabled because we are going to talk about it at the Fire council on Thursday about what happened at the meeting. Nobody has gotten together yet and we are going to do it on Thursday night at the Fire council. Unless you guys want to talk about it.
- Chad: No, I think you guys getting together and talking about it.
- Jerry B: I have my own opinion tonight.
- Chad: No problem.
- John: Is it going to be just kind of like a joint Council? Is that what you are talking about?
- Jerry B: At the Fire Council meeting anybody in the fire department can come to it, we had a good showing who came to the meeting, we had quite a bit of paid and volunteer.
- John: So, more to come on the next meeting, we will hold until next meeting. **Ok, Fire Council responds back when having the Station 1 headquarters for fire hose, SCBA and PPE.**
- Chad: So, we kind of talked about that, that the Fire Council is not on board with that, right?
- Jerry B: Yes, they are not.
- George: The fire hose is not a problem since we are doing that already, I don't think the SCBA are particularly a problem were they, I don't remember.
- Chad: It shouldn't be it is just like fire hose.
- George: PPE was the place that there was some pushback on that.
- Chad: What was the pushback.
- George: It was kind of what we talked about earlier.
- Jerry B: It is pretty much we know what we have got, and we willingly trade all together.
- Chad: What about the idea of having it at Station 1? I am sure that wasn't popular.
- Jerry B: That wasn't very popular at all.
- Chad: Did I hear that there was wildland stuff about 15 years ago that I guess went missing up at Station 1?
- Jerry B: It disappeared.
- Chad: That is what I am looking for full disclosure, right?
- George: That was one of the concerns.
- Chad: What else?
- Jerry B: Well, for instance, if we have somebody come in and we would outfit them, rather than sending them up to you and you outfit them, if he quits 20 days later and just chucking everything back and that could be handled right in our own department.
- Chad: I get that, the one nice thing of having all the stuff up there is, there is contact information, I get that some gear might not come back, and some gear gets lost and same thing with the pagers probably too, they don't get turned in from someone who leaves. We are just trying to be as efficient

as possible with the money that is being spent, especially when there is no more TIFID money. I could see that it would be just as good of benefit for you guys having newer gear up there with a lot of different sizes that would be outfitted with your members, so if you guys don't, I mean that is fine, I get it.

- Jerry B: My Chief said no, he doesn't want to have anything to do with it. Boulevard said no way, they didn't want anything to do with it.
- Chad: That is fine.
- Jerry B: But there is going to be more discussion on Thursday Night.
- Chad: Yes, I think there needs to be more discussion, they are very expensive. What is going to happen if the TIFID money runs out and you guys need a set of turnouts, that is going to come up in front of Zach to make sure he guys a new set anyways, right? If there is an old crappy set that is out of service, I mean someone is going to view it.
- Jerry B: He would have to okay new stuff, or if we get a grant to do it.
- Chad: Or that, yes.
- George: That is where a lot of it has come from in the past. That is where all our previous stuff before we come to TIFID with the newer generation. I mean, back probably 20 years ago.
- Chad: I am just saying in situations like this, right? When you have situation where someone needs a couple sets, they might not get a grant for 3-4 years, suddenly you have gear from 1999, that isn't working, you know what I mean.
- John: So, do we want to keep this on the agenda? Do we need more discussion about it?
- Jerry B: I would keep it on there.
- John: Say more discussion and hold it. All right, **Full Representation on all Fire Departments in the county**, I guess I am a little bit confused on what this means?
- Chad: So, Jason brought up from Race Track last meeting, that there wasn't representation from Race Track VFD on this board, right?
- Joe Pat: I think his intention was from each individual department. You know we have different views between the four volunteer stations sitting here, obviously. I think he felt from talking with him later about it, that he feels there would be better for each department volunteer wise to have more representation.
- Chad: On Fire Advisory?
- Joe Pat: That is what I assumed, yeah. There are different departments that are more wildland than structure and there are deferring aspects and he just kind of felt that each department would better be represented if each department had a member on Fire Advisory.
- Jerry B: It would have to change in the Charter and everything to do that.
- Chris: Since the last meeting you and Willoughby went to the Fire Council and that went well?
- Joel: We are up here representing the Fire Council.
- Joe Pat: I was a little brainwashed by a lot of the older members who are no longer in our department about the things that went on at Fire Council and it was pretty eye opening and welcoming when we showed up last week or last month. I felt like there was no animosity, even though the meeting was a little heated up here, nothing got carried over down there. We had multiple departments offered to, you know, if they have gear that they would help. I feel that myself or if Twoie doesn't want to participate, I will, or Jason will try to participate in Fire Council as much as we can.
- John: As far as full representation, anybody can submit an agenda item to the meeting to be discussed.
- Chad: Potentially, John, correct me if I am wrong, if there is public comment on any item not on the agenda and we were to crack down, we could not comment on that? We could just hear it right? So, if someone wanted to put something on the agenda then we can have some dialogue.
- John: Technically the board couldn't respond to anything not on the agenda.
- Jerry B: Like we hold our tongue.

- John: Anyone could put an item on the agenda, if they wanted to buy 5 new fire trucks, they can put it on the agenda to have it discussed.
- Chris: I am glad to hear you are willing to reach out to the Fire Council, maybe that is the route to get your voice heard as well. It is already an existing platform.
- Joe Pat: Yes.

### **Continued Training Report and Call Volume Report**

- John: Training Report and Call Volume Report
- Chad: We had a training a couple days ago, we split it up between radios and rural water supply. Again, just going off what we started last year, and Lee Sullivan was there to answer some questions about the radios. I am sure there are going to be radio questions that pop up, but we just wanted to make it clear that VHF still does work with other VHF channels, and that they are not obsolete. So, there are still ways to communicate and then we just did the rural water supply. It was just George, Tom from Walkerville, and Race Track that showed up. It was about an hour, hour, and a half and that is about it. George, you got anything.
- George: We just did draft practice at port a tank.
- Chad: The one thing I would put in there, if Departments are going to participate, to bring their Tenders or their Pumper/Tenders and then next time George, we can have like you know, your Pumper/Tender participate instead of Race Track. We were just running out of time, but next time we can get into that. If we are going to use the equipment, we might as well be good at it.
- George: Realistically, they are the ones that are going to be drafting and we can, and we do quite a bit but, our drafting tends to be more on the fill site than that.
- Chad: So, we should pick a fill site location one time. That would be good next month or two when it is high and somewhat clean water. One of the things for full disclosure, I was the one who asked to put review of the Fire Departments meeting on 4/20/23, those meetings happen about once every five years and they are not good. I hope that some people who have thought the training have been good before this meeting don't just not go to the training because they are upset with me or someone from the Career Department who spoke our opinion, like most people at the meeting. George and I had a good conversation there, you should be able to have a honest conversation, and if you truly want what is better for the department to be able to come to the trainings and still try to be the best functioning fire department that we can be. I just wanted to bring it up that training is one thing, having meetings to express your opinion is another thing and when an emergency comes in, it really doesn't matter what your opinion is. There is one objective and one goal, and we need to be good at it. That is why I wanted that on the agenda and that is all I have for training.

### **12. Public Comment on any item not on the agenda**

- Joe Pat: Do we know anything about the internet situation?
- Zach: No.
- John: Next meeting, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we are getting into the summer months, do we want to hold off on June, July and August and resume in September?
- George: At least revisit some requests in June's meeting.
- John: Okay.
- George: Maybe July, August, and September of not meeting. I think we have committed to doing June.
- Chad: Yes, and then take a break after.
- John: Then after we resume, start talking about what and figure out what the scope of our community is. If you look at the Charter and what the scope really is, we are to advise, it seems like 90% of what we do now is TIFID. To see what everyone thinks we should be doing as a committee, what we should be improving or what we can do to improve and some round table. I don't think we need Zach here all the time.

- Zach: I will let you discuss that.
- John: We are supposed to be advising the Director of Fire Services.
- George: I think some of these discussions are pertinent.
- Jerry B: It also gives us a voice going back and forth when we do meet.

**13. Jerry Brothers made a motion to adjourn, George Stone seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M. Next meeting is June 6, 2023, Business Center Room 201 (across from Station 1) at 5:30 pm**

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