

Fort Ellis Fire Foundation

Public Meeting

Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Board of Trustees

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fort Ellis Fire Department

Officers Present:

President Todd Kaiser, Treasurer Gerald Groggel

Members Present

Jaelyn Liebscher, Graham Goff

Guests

Lola Dunmire & Ben Kauffman, Vanessa Skelton (all via Zoom)

Chief Present

Chief Mike Cech (via. Zoom), Frank Boynton

Meeting was called to order at 7:24 pm

Secretary Report

The minutes from the January board meeting were issued via email and each board member acknowledged receipt. Gerry moved to approve the minutes. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The January 2023 YTD financial report was issued via email and presented at the meeting. There was discussion on the expenses and the Balance Sheet. Gerry moved to approve the Financial Report for the Foundation. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on funds on hand.

Capitol Campaign

Vanessa Reported the donations raised to date.

Working on:

State Farm

Discussion on the permanent easement. Vanessa will follow up with Norbert.

FEMA Opportunity,

Town Pump grants open in May,

Montana Firefighter's fund for training room and new station donations,

Vanessa spoke with County representative for open lands money projects,

Reached out to the County commissioner,

Merger with BNSF feels confident on an opportunity,
Planning to send another mailer out soon,
Service area business focus and subcontractor list for possible in-kind donations,
Working on \$25,000 match for Give Big which Falls on National Firefighters Day,
Donations still trickling in through the first mailer,
Have not heard back from Yellowstone on their donation. Mike asked Vanessa to check in on them.
Vanessa asked the Board for a list of business prospects that she may contact,
Todd will check with Bridger Brewing to do a Brew for Give Big,
Danielle will send the Fort Ellis Fire group email to Vanessa for possible business ideas & Frank will bring it up at Tuesday Night training.
Vanessa will send Lola her donation spreadsheet for reconciliation,
Perlinski and Town & Country event or possible gifts,
Discussion with Bozeman fire for Give Big

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm

Next board meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm at the station with the option for the Community to join in via. Zoom.