

RED LODGE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 7
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Jun 10, 2025

Meeting called to order by Trustee Harris Gabrian at 7:01 pm

Trustees Present: Tom Kastelitz , Harris Gabrian, Dan Coolidge

RLFR personnel present: Tom Kuntz, Tim Ryan, Kim Bednarz,

Public Present: There were no members of the public present.

The minutes from the January 30, 2025 meeting were read. Dan Coolidge made a motion to accept the previous minutes as presented. Kastellitz seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion approved.

Trustees Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Board Financial Report

Ryan reviewed the Financial report for FY 24-25 up to June 7th. Kuntz noted that this isn't the final report for the year, there will still be some adjustments, especially with Fire mobilization. Coolidge moves to approve the Board Financial Report as submitted, Kastelitz second, all in favor motion carries.

Line of Credit: Kuntz and Ryan covered the need to increase the line of credit we have at Bank of Red Lodge. The credit line helps us cover the costs of sending wildland firefighters on assignments. Gabrian made a motion to approve the renewal of the line of credit at \$300,000.00, Kastelitz Seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Fiscal year 2023-2024 Audit- The Audit for the 23-24 FY concluded today, the auditors said we passed with gold stars.

Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget- Kuntz discussed the Capital improvement plan and then dove into the budget. He explained how the capital improvement plan is driving the budget for next year. Kuntz also shared that there is a chance that RLFR could receive funding from the federal government, from the office of Troy Downing to build a new fire station. It still needs to pass

through the budget process. But it is also driving the budget. Budget was reviewed, Coolidge moves to adopt the FY 25-26 budget, Kastelitz seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.

FY 24-25 Budget Amendment: Kuntz explained that he is negotiating with the City to work on a solution for how RLFR receives city monies. No action needed at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Ambulance District Service Fee: Review Draft County Agreement.- Tom has signed the agreement with the county and we will receive the tax money this month. It is currently on the books, but has not been transferred by the county yet.

City Fire Agreement/ Capital Resort Expenditures:

Tom states that the city has approached him about them paying less in the agreement with the City. Tom is continuing to work with the mayor to come up with a solution.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Tom presented the capital improvement plan. Teams are getting prices on new ambulances and fire trucks, he's hoping to have a better timeline and cost at the next meeting.

Property Exchange at Training Center: No development.

New Business:

Resolution 25-001: Adopt FY 25-26 COLA Adjustments. Coolidge moved to approve resolution, Katelitz seconded, All in favor, motion carries.

Resolution 25-002- Ambulance Billing Rates: Billing rates have been increased to match other services. Kaatelitz moved, Coolidge seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Resolution 25-003- Establish Fire Prevention Fees, Kastelitz moves, Coolidge seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Resolution 25-004 - Adopt EMS Stipend Rates - Coolidge moves, Kastelitz seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Reappointment for Kastelitz- Tom Kastelitz stated that his term is up. Tom Kuntz recommended him for reappointment. Gabrian moved, Coolidge seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Announcements:

Gabrain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Coolidge seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23rd.

Signed,

Kim Bednarz, RLFR Office Manager