

Bear Paw Service District

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2019

9 AM

Directors Present: David Marion, Al Snaider, John Steensma, Jerry Pezzella, Gary Holmes, Lydia Kennedy, David Black. Dennis Strand, Emily Bryant.

Directors Absent: None

Call to Order: David Marion called the meeting to order at 9 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed newest Board member Mr. Gary Holmes.

Minutes for Approval: Lydia Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. David Marion requested to defer the passing of the previous meeting minutes until the next board meeting so he can review them. He stated that going forward, any material for review should be sent out to board members 5 days prior to meeting.

Managers Report: Dennis Strand presented the Managers Report (Attachment # 2)

Mr. Strand also stated that a Mr. Smith formally called him about buying a lot owned by BPSD. Due to the Service District being a government entity he will check and see what the proper way to go about it is. He stated that he projects the property will have to be appraised and BPSD will be responsible for the cost of that.

After much discussion it was decided that Mr. Strand will look into County and State guidelines regarding the sale process. He will also get estimates for cost of land surveying/appraisal.

Financial Report: John Steensma presented the Finance Report (Attachment # 3)

He stated that the county has been reassessing properties for tax purposes. As of now they have done structures but not properties. He stated that the county finance director informed him that the new numbers would be in by the first of the 2020 year. The new tax assessment could cause our mill rate to change. It is currently .38 but may increase by 10% or may decrease or even remain the same. He stated that everything is based on the information we get from the county and then we will determine our tax rate.

Mr. Steensma stated that our budget is based on our tax money. It is money we get and money we need to spend and make use of as best we can. Our budget is approximately \$340,000 and it to be spent on improvements for Bear Paw.

David Marion stated that we need a 3-5 year plan to see what we want to happen. He asked if this would be Capital Reserve.

Dennis Strand and Jerry Pezzella both stated that Bear Paw Service District can not have reserve, we look at things we want to happen and plan for them in our budget.

Firewise Report: Dennis Strand stated that we still have \$2000.00 due to us, and we usually receive that sometime in October. He stated that we won't be doing Firewise in the 2020-2021 year, but we will re-apply for the 2021-2022 year. The process will be different than we have done in the past due to MR. Ron Taylor stepping down as our Firewise correspondent.

Jerry Pezzella asked if we have received any type of formal resignation, Dennis Strand stated that we have only been told by Mr. Taylor and have not received any formal resignation in writing at this time.

Discussion/Announcements:

There was much discussion about whether or not the wood structure under the vinyl pavilion wall was stable because of supposed none pressure treated wood being used in rebuilding of clubhouse/pavilion after the fire. At this time, it was not decided whether an inspection should be done or not.

Adjournment: Al Snaider made a motion to adjourn. David Black seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Secretary

Date