

BLUE RIVER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2025 –6:30 pm

1. Attendance: Dustin Deuling, Carrie Holland, Rui Dykeman, Prabh Sandhu, Andy Boughton, Erin Choney, Lee Onslow, Amy Deuling, Bruce via Phone
2. MINUTES & APPROVAL
 - Rui moved the minutes as circulated, Carrie seconded.
3. CORRESPONDANCE
 - The Responder Magazine
 - Frank Caputo Flyer
 - Clearwater RCMP Happy holidays card
 - Rocky Mountain Goat.
 - Vfis news letter
4. FINACIALS
 - \$276,252.77 as of Today
 - \$75,636.04.41 in Fire truck account as of today
 - \$209,024.66 1-year non-redeemable Term Deposit – June 16, 2024
 - \$36,184.24 in BRVFD account as of today
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - Street lighting
 - Look into adding a light in front of saddle rest. Erin still to contact hydro and find out options and cost. – On going – Looking at Pole 2219877 grid 13425776208007 today- MW could possibly put a pole in and we could put a light on it.
 - Volunteer Fire Department
 - Lee Onslow attended the meeting to talk about a few things
 - the Community wildfire resiliency plan with TNRD and how they came out and assessed the area and reported a few concerning spot. Copy of report was emailed to BRID. Review the report and assess what we need/can do.
 - Being the initial attack for forest service possibly?
 - TNRD will be doing fire smart assessments May 9, so people can sign up and get on board and planning a chipper day for early June. Lee mentioned that home owners can apply for up to \$500 grant for a fire smart incentive
 - There are other communities that are being set up with key paid people to help fire smart and could be a possibility for someone on the fire dept.
 - Update from the fire chief
 - One new member
 - Flooding of the ice rink has started
 - Through the Fire safety act with TNRD has training for Investigation and Inspections. For bigger investigations would call for support but would be able to investigate and inspect incidents.
 - Bruce is working on the lights and boxes on the crew truck
 - Reapplied for 2024, we'll see if we get it – new hosing and washing machine for gear. Should hear in 3 months ish(feb)
 - Purchasing a water monitor hopefully through a grant
 - If we don't get the grant then will prioritize the purchases
 - Andy attended the Emil Anderson meeting to talk to them about not plowing in our members.
 - Emil has been doing good at not plowing people in.
 - Compressor
 - Need a new compressor. Rui made a motion to purchase a new or refurbished compressor for up to \$6500.00. Bruce seconded. AIF- ongoing- electrical to be updated first in the spring. Compressor will go in with the reno. But cost closer to \$8,000.00
 - Other Business

- We applied and were approved for \$2500.00 towards the bathroom update in the hall from North Thompson community foundations.
- Harry has offered to pay the BRID \$10,000.00 for the BRID garbage truck. – out of country ongoing
 - Prabh made a motion to accept Harry's offer of \$10,000.00 for the BRID garbage truck. Bruce seconded. AIF. – Harry has paid \$7350.00
 - Erin will send invoice for the truck.
- Inquire for a quote for the firehall for the renos so budget can be set.
 - Rui made a motion to hire amy to make a floor plan of the hall. Will be minimum \$500 but need plans to start so we can get a quote of what is needed. Carrie seconded.
 - Andy is going to look at grants and Lee said she would pass on any info about grants for projects like this as well
 - Erin to Email Lisa at the govt and see if we need to put it out for bid.
 - If its BID we need scope of work to put out tender and decide how it will be awarded.
- Budget time – Budget approved and sent back

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Review call out amounts. In the minutes from Oct 27, 2022 it says the following
 - Call out hour minimum
 - False alarm \$100
 - Incident/Call out Min \$200

No mention of an hourly rate after the minimum and we have only had the minimum paid on any call out to date since setting rates, so clarification is needed.

Carrie made a motion to set the rates as below, but to review yearly. Rui seconded. AIF

- \$200 minimum covers up to 3 hours
 - After 3 hours member is paid hourly at the incident rates, \$30 for chief, \$25 for captain and \$20 per hour for regular members.
- False alarm \$100
- Just wrapping up the 2024 stuff and everything will be sent off to MNP.
- Email from Lee regarding the highway rescue.
 - There just wasn't the people or support for it to continue
- BC assessment.
 - Land: \$69,000.00
 - Buildings \$61,300.00
 - Total \$130,300.00

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm by Carrie, Rui seconded

Next Meeting Feb 24, 6pm