

January 14th 2025 - Sweet Station

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Harvey Church.

In Attendance: Harvey Church, Bev Martin, Kim Zematis, Jim Heikes, Sheb Church, Matt Weston, Jennifer Weston, Lauren Nelson, Myra Church, Allan Hermanson, Ben Goslin, Brandi Barker

Minutes for December were read by Lauren Nelson, Bev moves to approve Kim seconds, all were in favor

Chairman/Commissioner Harvey Church: Harvey made a motion to add Montour Commissioner Kim Zematis to the First Interstate Bank Account ending in 3915, Bev seconds, all were in favor. Work continues for the winter dry hydrants. Sheb has most of the fittings for the hydrant in Ola. Jim Heikes is worried about 970 not pulling enough water out of the larger pipe. They will explore including T so we can use a 1.5" and 2" line. Kirk received one quote for the Survey of the Hermanson Property for \$2000-\$2500. It was agreed to pay for the survey but Kirk is looking for a second quote.

Commissioner Bev Martin: The Communications Use Lease out of the Bureau of Reclamation has been finalized after 2.5 years of work. The lease expires 12/31/2037 and must be renewed one year prior. The second \$278 bill was received and paid as stated below for the monitoring fee. Speedy Quick is still sharing the repeater site with us. We may now access them appropriate fees as previously discussed and Poppy will present those at the next meeting. The Sheriff Department took their equipment out of the repeater site. Sheb stated we receive notifications every Friday when the generator cycles. The generator is 15 years old and costs are being gathered for replacement down the road.

Commissioner Kim Zematis : Kim asked about if the dispatch issues had been resolved, there are still some hiccups but it has been mostly resolved. Kim also extended gratitude for the many hours spent working on the flag pole at the station. Matt, Jen, Ben and everyone else involved are very appreciated.

Chief Jim Heikes: Fire Calls (5) Medical Calls (6)

Discussion on dual tone out for house fires to Gem County. Prior issue was Fire One being toned before Fire Two. Staffing during the daytime is still a problem. The chief is working on a plan. If a call comes in and it is a smoke alarm with no smoke visible, command staff can be requested. If nobody responds on the radio, do a second tone after 2-3 minutes. Training - Snake River basic and essentials if anyone is interested in taking, the department will cover cost. 951 is fixed. 952 steering issue likely resolved Exhaust needs replacement, possibly catalytic converter, Estimate is about \$2,200-\$2,500.00 Harvey moved to approve up to \$2,500 for exhaust repair. Kim seconded. All in favor. Chief requested 952 has a spray tank in the spring for wild land response. 902 batteries replaced - 901 batteries will need replaced. Dept sponsored CPR Class scheduled for February 5th.

Bev Made a motion to pay the bills, Harvey seconds, all in favor. The following bills were paid. Poppy Darby 225.00 & 1,000.00, Sheb Church 220.00 & 330.00, B&W Fuels 171.04, Chief Technologies 660.00, Verizon 21.23, Gem Co-op 141.83, Sweet Garage 980.17 & 571.92, Sea Western 1325.92 & 482.83. Since the December Meeting the following automatic payments were also made Idaho Power x 3 69.18, 203.71, 25.59, High Speed Idaho 39.95, Ziply Fiber 91.60 x 2, and a bank fee of 2.00. Additionally the following purchases were made by card, Parts Geek 281.80. Two payments by check were made since last meeting due to time requirements. The monitoring fee for 278.00 was sent to BLM and 6002.41 was sent to Sea western for the booster line which will be mostly reimbursed by an IDL Grant. Six deposits were made, 9209.31 & 3951.81 for County Tax Remittance and 200.00 from a donation from Harold Bean, 4000.00 refund of Impact Study Fees and 200 x 2 for driveway fees. Also to be paid later this week will be Sea Western bills for 146.99, 1546.65 & 7002.10. Kevin Hale is working on 950 which is misfiring. He will replace spark plugs and is asking for preapproval for \$300-\$500 additional if the plugs don't solve it. He will also replace the oil sensor on 905 to see if that resolves the beeping. This expense is approved if needed.

Bev motioned to Adjourn Kim 2nds all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:10