Minutes
Of
Grassy Mountain Fire District

August 4, 2026, Grassy Mountain Fire District Meeting held at Grassy Mountain Lodge, MT

1. Agenda
    a. Call Meeting to Order
    b. Approve July 7th, 2026 Meeting Minutes
    c. Approve Expenditures
    d. Report on:
        i. Building Status
            1. Utility lot deed transfer
            2. Construction
                a. Cost saving measures
        ii. Monthly budget report
        iii. Equipment update
    e. Training status
    f. Open Discussion
    g. Meeting Adjourned
2. Attending GMFD Board Members: Penny Plachy, Greg Philpot, Tony Perrone, Becky Derby, Mike Fobert.
    a. Attending Grassy Mountain residences: Shawn Derby, Kevin & Dee Moyer, Josh and Ami Stejskal
3. Motions Made during this Meeting
    a. Call Meeting to Order: Mike Fobert made a motion to commence the meeting and Greg Philpot seconded.
    b. Motion to approve July 7, 2026 meeting minutes: Mike Fobert made a motion, Becky Derby seconded.
    c. Motion made to accept 2027 GMFD budget of $5,000: Mike Fobert made a motion and Tony Perrone seconded
    d. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Perrone made motion and Mike Fobert seconded.
4. Action Items for next meeting September 1, 2026:
    a. Include monthly expenditures in meeting minutes – Greg
    b. Investigate procedures for waiving 30% budget hold back – Greg
    c. Determine when Mr. Sorenson will be under contract - Greg
    d. Building construction next steps with contractor – Tony
    e. Send county GMFD 2027 approved annual budget – Penny
    f. Send draft Standard Operating Procedures to board members – Mike
    g. Post on GMROA Facebook page need for GMFD volunteers - Tony
    h. Mike Fobert and Greg Philpot
        i. Draft a proposed training schedule for GMFD - **Ongoing**
    i. Anthony Perrone

        i. Check with Meagher County to determine GMFD integration into County's E-Dispatch - **Ongoing**
    j. Mike Fobert and Bec Dorsey
        i. Investigate Grant options. – **Ongoing.**

    k. Check on property tax exemption and whether GMFD can use Meagher County insurance for new building - Greg
    l. Contact GMFD volunteers and request they put volunteer applications to Meagher County Fire Department
    m. Needs/budget for new fire truck
    n. Mike Fobert and Greg Philpot
        i. Draft and proposed annual operating budget for GMFD
        ii. Draft a proposed training schedule for GMFD - **Ongoing**
    o. Anthony Perrone
        i. Check with Meagher County to determine GMFD integration into County's E-Dispatch - **Ongoing**
    p. Mike Fobert and Bec Dorsey
        i. Investigate Grant options. – **Ongoing.**
5. Agenda Discussion
    a. July 7, 2026 Meeting minutes approved
    b. Expenditures – All existing expenditures covered under previous motions, no new expenditures. Balance of $120,415.60 exists in the account.
        i. Monthly Treasurer's report provided and to be included in monthly minutes.
    c. Report on
        i. Building status – Opened bids received at Meagher County Commissioner's meeting. Two bids submitted and Mr. Sorenson's bid was accepted by the Commissioner's and GMFD board. Mr. Sorenson's bid was for $139,467
            1. Commissioners were asked if the 30% hold on funding could be waived and they agreed. Greg Philpot to investigate tasks to waive 30%.
            2. Discussed possible cost saving activities with Mr. Sorenson in order to stay within current account balance.
                a. Volunteers to take on finishing tasks in order to save costs.
            3. Board agreed to maintain a minimum account balance of $10,000 in order to cover un-forecasted costs.
            4. Need to get with Mr. Sorenson to identify potential cost saving activities and their savings. Tony to contact Mr. Sorenson
            5. Need to determine when Mr. Sorenson will be under contract – Greg.
        ii. 2027 Annual Budget

1. Awaiting answer on building insurance and taxes, both reported to be exempt. Mike Fobert verified with Commissioners clerk who verified with County Attorney that these are exempt.
2. Discussed multiple budget needs and motion was made to submit 2027 GMFD annual budget to the county for the amount of $5,000. Motion was seconded. Penny will submit our budget to the county this week.

iii. Equipment update
1. All but two items have been purchased from previous $3,100 allocation
2. Have received approximately $8,000 of equipment donated from other departments.
3. Both engines are fully operational.
    a. Engine 241 may need a set of baffles. Examining putting in access port.
    b. Donated materials have been installed/stages on both engines.

d. Property Transfer
i. Tony dropped of transfer documents to County for quick claim deed to transfer utility lot from GMROA to Meagher County because GMFD uses Meagher Counties EIN.

e. Training
i. Working on a training rooster.
ii. Minimum requirements for GMFD volunteers
1. GMFD Interview panel
2. Pursue Meagher County volunteer process.
3. Back through our training
    a. CPR and First Aid training
4. 45lb pack test required for GMFD volunteer fire fighter.

iii. Need to identify other auxiliary (non-line) activities for volunteers.
1. Encouraged to attend all training.
2. Fund raisers
3. Support On-Line firefighters with water, equipment, staging of water.
4. Evacuation procedures and helping others evacuate.

iv. Mike started writing Standard Operating Procedures
v. No volunteer can utilize personal vehicle to respond to a fire incident.
1. All volunteers respond to the fire house (GMFD or Meagher County) and then respond to incident.
2. All engines must dispatch with at least two individuals in an engine.
3. Need to develop training and sign offs.
4. Need more GMFD information sharing venues

a. GMFD Facebook page – Tony needs to figure out how to add others as administrators.

vi. Discussed CDL requirements for driving engines
1. Montana volunteer firefighter exclusion while driving to an incident.

vii. Present at upcoming GMROA annual meeting the need for volunteers.

f. Open Discussion – None

g. Meeting Adjourned.