

**Minutes
Of
Grassy Mountain Fire District**

*April 15, 2026, Grassy Mountain Fire District Meeting held at Greg Philpot's residence, 129
Panorama Drive, White Sulphur Springs MT*

1. Agenda
 - a. Call Meeting to Order
 - b. Discussion of new Board Members
 - i. Vote on Position – Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer
 - c. The steps moving forward as a Fire District
 - d. Fire Hall bids received
 - e. Apparatus needs for the Fire District
 - f. Insurance/Operating costs
 - g. ISO Rating
 - h. Grassy Mountain Fire District Fire Chief
 - i. Open Discussion
 - j. Meeting Adjourned
2. Attending GMFD Board Members: Penny Plachy, Anthony Perrone, Greg Philpot
 - a. Prospective Members: Bec Dorsey, Mike Fobert, Becky Derby
 - b. Attending Grassy Mountain residences: Joshua Stejskal, Jeff Stejskal, Mike Erben, Shawn Derby, Kevin and Dee Moyer
3. Motions Made during this Meeting
 - a. Call Meeting to Order: Greg Philpot made a motion to commence the meeting and Anthony Peronne seconded the motion.
 - b. Greg Philpot made a motion to pursue purchasing a used Type 4 4WD 1000-gallon fire truck and Anthony Peronne seconded the motion
 - c. Greg Philpot made a motion allocating \$27,000 to purchase and transport/ship Type 4 4WD 1000-gallon fire truck and Anthony Perrone seconded the motion.
 - d. Greg Philpot made a motion to have the next meeting on May 6th at 6PM location to be determined
 - e. Greg Philpot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM and Penny Plachy seconded the motion
4. Action Items for next meeting:
 - a. May 6th Meeting
 - i. Vote on Board positions
 - b. Greg Philpot
 - i. Draft Rooster of potential GMFD volunteer firefighters
 - ii. Draft letter to Grassy Mountain Ranch Owner's Association for donation of the utility lot to GMFD
 - iii. Check with Broadwater County to determine how to merge Broadwater County home owners into GMRD.

- iv. Framework for Request for Proposal (RFP) for GMFD building
 - c. Mike Fobert and Greg Philpot
 - i. Draft and proposed annual operating budget for GMFD
 - ii. Draft a proposed training schedule for GMFD
 - d. Anthony Perrone
 - i. GMROA Facebook posting requesting owner feedback on donating utility lot to GMFD
 - ii. Check with Meagher County to determine GMFD integration into County's E-Dispatch
 - e. Penny Plachy
 - i. Present new board members to Meagher County Commissioner's for approval
 - ii. Determine if the county requires retaining 30% of current funds
 - f. Mike Fobert and Bec Dorsey
 - i. Investigate Grant options.
- 5. Discussion of new Board Members
 - a. Penny Plachy presented Mike Fobert, Bec Dorsey and Becky Derby with the county forms required to be added to the GMFD board. All signed and returned to Penny. Bec Dorsey will be added sixth board member which will only vote in the absence of one of the five voting members.
 - b. Voting of Board positions postponed for next meeting
- 6. The steps moving forward as a Fire District
 - a. Bec Dorsey and Mike Fobert provided a presentation outlining potential next steps for moving GMFD into an actual firefighting capability
 - i. Discussed purchasing Type 4 4WD truck with 1000-gallon water capacity. All attending were in favor of pursuing purchasing a used Type 4 truck. After discussion two motions were made and approved to pursue purchasing a type 4 truck. Anthony Perrone expressed reservations about purchasing truck without having a roster of volunteers and future training goals developed. Mike and Greg agreed to develop both and present at next meeting.
 - ii. Firehall bids received. Discussed was a 30'x40' building to be put on the development's utility lot. Rough estimates were \$72,389 for building, doors, insulation. Missing was excavation, electrical and heating. This level of effort will require the county to publish request for quotes. Greg to get Checker Boards building request for proposal to use as an example.
 - 1. Results from owner survey mailed out last year resulted in 68% of surveys received desired having a firefighting capability and building within the Grassy Mountain development. Several commented having the building built on the utility lot.
 - iii. Apparatus needs for the Fire District
 - 1. Further investigation and discussion required for this topic
 - iv. Insurance/operating costs. More to investigate and determine where alignment with Meagher County would be beneficial.

1. Insurance. Mike Fobert conveyed his estimates for insurance
 - a. Trucks - \$3,970 a year for up to three trucks. Discussed was the possibility that Meagher County would pay this cost.
 - b. Workers Compensation - \$2,000 a year was estimated by Mike. Possibility of having volunteers join Meagher County Fire Department to be covered.
2. Operating Costs.
 - a. Initial outfitting of Personal Protection Equipment for volunteers needs to be investigated. Where can we get donations, what grants to be applied for.
 - b. Greg and Mike to wash out an initial annual budget for operations, training and maintenance.
- v. ISO rating
 1. Current rating is a 10 having a volunteer roster and training schedule. With additional training and equipment could quickly change ISO rating to 9. Having an established structure, truck and trained volunteer firefighters could take it to the next level.
- vi. Grassy Mountain Utility Lot.
 1. One of the owners conveyed that the utility lot was for the GMFD from the beginning of the development.
 2. Greg Philpot stated that according to his discussion with Meagher County attorney the GMROA board could vote to donate the utility lot to GMFD. Greg asked Anthony Perrone, since he sits the GMROA board, to have the GMROA secretary generate a GMROA Facebook post asking for owner input on GMROA donating the utility lot to GMFD.
 3. Greg Philpot, with the help of the County attorney, will draft a letter to GMROA requesting the donation of the utility lot to GMFD
- vii. Training. Discussed was to start training on the existing truck familiarizing volunteers with common elements of a water truck. Greg and Mike to develop draft training curriculum and schedule.
- viii. Grassy Mountain Fire District Chief. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
- ix. Reviewed action items
- x. Meeting adjourned