

**Regular Meeting of the North Blaine County Fire District in the
Council Chambers – 81 Elkhorn Road, Sun Valley, ID
October 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM.**

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approval of the October 2021 Claims.

MOTION

Commissioner Michael moved to approve the October 13, 2021, claims; seconded by Chairman Gray. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray and Commissioner Michael.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Engelmann.

4. Approval of the September 08, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

Commissioner Michael moved to approve the September 08, 2021, regular meeting minutes; seconded by Chairman Gray. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray and Commissioner Michael.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Engelmann.

5. Approval of the September 29, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

Commissioner Michael moved to approve the September 29, 2021, special meeting minutes; seconded by Chairman Gray. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray and Commissioner Michael.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Engelmann.

6. Report: Monthly Update – North Blaine County Fire District Chief, Rich Bauer.

Chief Bauer reported, the person who accepted Trish's position has rescinded their acceptance. We are advertising the position again and are speaking with previous candidates. We hope to have a new administrative assistant within 10 to 14 days. Windy City Arts is removing the "Ketchum Rural" decals on our apparatus and replacing them with the North Blaine County Fire District name. We received our letter from the IRS yesterday, so we can begin changing our name financially. Our new pumper tender has been released to manufacturing. Pierce Manufacturing will begin to build the new pumper tender in Appleton, Wisconsin and we will begin receiving weekly photographic updates. Chief Bauer will forward the pictures to the commissioners. Trish has been working on the 200 B remodel. As time & finances permit, and we have vacancies, the other units will be updated. There was not a lot of upkeep on these residences in the past. They need fresh paint, new carpet, and new appliances. Chief Bauer and Commissioner Engelmann are working on a live-in handbook. Chief Bauer will be completing quarterly walk-through inspections of the units, to ensure they are being taken care of. Chief Bauer reported on the Greenhorn expansion plan. Jim Zarubica with Galena Engineering has the preliminary draft for the number of units that can be situated on site and suggested we meet with the county to see what is permitted to be put there since it is zoned R1 & R2. Chiefs Robrahn & Bauer, along with Jim Zarubica from Galena Engineering will be meeting with Nancy Cooley, a zoning specialist with Blaine County tomorrow to discuss options. Chief Bauer gave an update on the Blaine County Ambulance District's strategic planning process. AP Trident who is conducting the study will be sending out a survey to our first responders to ascertain their thoughts on the future of an ambulance district. The stakeholders meeting will take place on November 15, 2021, from 4:00pm-8:00pm at the community campus. Chairman Gray will be in attendance along with former commissioner Chris Stephens, and Sun Valley/NBCFD on call fire-fighter Mat Hall. Mayor Hendricks, Ken Herrick, Walt Femling and Tim Silva will be representing the City of Sun Valley.

7. Report: Monthly Update – Sun Valley Fire Chief, Taan Robrahn.

Chief Robrahn thanked Colleen Quindlen, Sarah Driggs and Katelyn Berman for attending the women in fire conference. Sounds like it was a good conference, and they put in a lot of extra work while there. He stated that we have begun our new fiscal year, and Katelyn Berman has been hired as a full-time fire-fighter with Sun Valley. Chief Robrahn gave an update on repairs and alterations occurring at the Elkhorn Station. As we transition to the colder season, it's a good time to have chimneys inspected and swept if necessary. As the precipitation begins to fall, we will be encouraging the public to clear the way to the fire hydrants. Captain Reid Black of the Sun Valley Fire Department stated chimney inspections should be completed annually.

8. Reschedule the December 08, 2021, meeting.

The December 08, 2021, regular meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. A special meeting was scheduled to be held on December 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Discussion: Old Business.

Commissioner Michael asked what the timing might be to resume discussions regarding consolidation. It was previously stated that our priority is housing. Chairman Gray stated, not only are we currently working on housing, but we are awaiting results of the ambulance district study. Chief Bauer further

contrived that it is best to see the results of the ambulance district strategic plan before broaching the subject of a possible consolidation.

A discussion was had about the ambulance at the Greenhorn Station, which belongs to Ketchum Fire, and NBCFD allows them to store it at the Greenhorn Station. Dual NBCFD & KFD members can respond on that ambulance. We have 3 dual members who are trained in EMS, living at the Greenhorn Station currently that can respond with that ambulance. Chief Bauer stated that we need our own response of an ambulance out of the Greenhorn Station by North Blaine County personnel, rather than just relying on dual members, and hopefully the study by AP Trident will bring this to light.

Commissioner Michael requested a summary report of the women's fire conference from Colleen Quindlen.

Colleen Quindlen is a live-in fire-fighter and EMT with North Blaine County Fire District and Sun Valley Fire Department. She is also a dual member with the Ketchum Fire Department. Colleen gave a basic report on the women in fire conference. This conference occurs every 2 years. This year it was located in Spokane, WA. Colleen, Katelyn Berman of Sun Valley Fire, Sarah Driggs of Sun Valley Fire & a North Blaine County Fire District live-in and Erin Griffith from Wood River Fire & Rescue attended the conference from the Wood River Valley. The Ketchum/Sun Valley volunteer association paid for the fire-fighters to attend the conference. Colleen reported they had 2 days of hands-on classes, she attended one class that was an instruction on hose movement. The classes attended lasted 2-12 hours days. There were also lectures, one of the topics was "communication over gender". Other lectures included physical fitness, nutrition and presenting yourself in oral interviews. The people attending these lectures ranged from volunteers to Chiefs. It was very inspirational. Colleen will request funds for the next conference, in Orlando FL. Colleen and Erin plan to hold a women's training night in November, valley wide. They would like to teach at least 3 skills that they learned from the conference in Spokane. Commissioner Michael would like to observe the new female training that will be occurring. She would like to invite Karen Bossick from the Eye On Sun Valley, and the Mountain Express. Chairman Gray thanked Colleen for her report.

10. Public Comment.

Richard Canfield from East Fork thanked Colleen for her report. He has a daughter and son in law who work for Ketchum Fire. In terms of women fire persons, he stated they are strong and capable. On behalf of his neighbors, he read through the proposal of the grant, and is in support of new firefighter housing. He likes the idea of having an ambulance there that is guaranteed to have a response. He likes the idea of adding full time personnel and staffing the Greenhorn Station full time. He thinks more people should be dual enrolled, until the ambulance study shows its findings. Chief Bauer clarified that dual membership is a personal preference. On-call fire-fighters from other departments can apply to become dual members if they want.

11. Adjournment.

MOTION

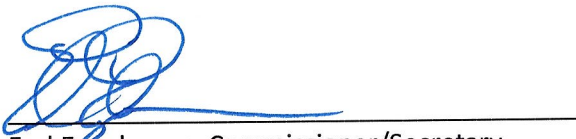
Commissioner Michael moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Gray. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray and Commissioner Michael.
 NAYS: None.
 ABSENT: Commissioner Engelmann.

Chairman Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



James E. Gray, Commissioner/Chairman



Earl Engelmann, Commissioner/Secretary