

**WEST BENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2020
WBRFA HEADQUARTERS STATION 310**

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Clizbe called the April 21, 2020 West Benton Regional Fire Authority regular meeting to order at 6:00pm and led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners David Moon, Richard Clizbe, Randy Fox, and Shane Williams

Others in attendance: Fire Chief Seth Johnson, Captain Scott Friend, and District Secretary Jessica Trevino.

Absent: Dewey Holliday

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Approval – April 21, 2020 regular board meeting

Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2020 – regular meeting minutes

Voucher Approval – #200402001 thru #200402019 in the amount of \$50,027.79

Budget Update – March 31, 2020

Commissioner Fox moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Johnson reported that WBFR had its first wildland fire this week. The settlement with L&I language has been determined. It is no at fault language and the money that is being spent will be spent on Equipment. COVID 19 – station is still closed. Weekly drills have been ok and has been done thru online training. Equipment is starting to show up like gloves and masks but large items for PPE are still unavailable. Safer grants and AFG grants have been delayed. Fire Chief Johnson is looking into possibly applying for these grants. The resident program has received many resident applications. Captain Friend is working thru interview ideas and preliminary background on how to actually hold interviews with COVID 19. Chief Johnson gave a construction update.

Remodel Base molding upstairs and downstairs complete. The flooring downstairs received 5 coats of wax and is complete. Door frames have been installed. Upstairs furniture has been ordered and takes 60 days to be delivered.

Items still needed

Doors hung, Alarm (smoke detectors) system installed, Misc painting, Cleaning – and small punch items.

Administrator Trevino updated the board and let them know that she has paid 1st quarter taxes, has been working on the 2019 annual report, and FEMA webinars for reimbursement.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Chief Johnson would like to employ seasonal firefighters this year. Due to COVID 19, the resident program has been slightly delayed. The program was budget to employ 6 residents as of January 1, 2020. Since this funding has not been spent, Chief Johnson would like to employ seasonal firefighters during the wildland season.

After some discussion the board encouraged Fire Chief to hire

Commissioner Fox moved to approve Seasonal Firefighters for 2020. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

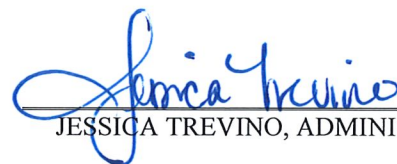
Commissioner Clizbe will be reaching out to Tri-County Commissioners to see if the May 9th meeting that is supposed to be held at WBFR

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Clizbe adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm



RICHARD CLIZBE, CHAIRMAN



JESSICA TREVINO, ADMINISTRATOR