

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sourdough Fire Station, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, MT

CALL TO ORDER OF HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Reminder to the public that meetings are being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

HYALITE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Financial Reports
2. Approval of Warrants
3. Approval of August 19, 2025 Meeting Synopsis

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion- Capital Replacement Plan
2. Discussion and Decision – Purchase of New Staff Vehicle
3. Discussion and Decision – Hiring of a Shift Captain
4. Discussion and Decision – Fort Ellis Interlocal Agreement
5. Discussion – Replacement of Rae Fire Station – *Standing Agenda Item*
6. Volunteer Firefighters Association Report – *Standing Agenda Item*
7. Fire Chief's Report
8. Trustees' Activities
9. Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

This notice is posted on the door of the Administrative Building of the Sourdough Fire Station, the Rae Fire Station, and the Cottonwood Fire Station, and is posted on the Hyalite website and/or Facebook Page at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting is published in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

September 23, 2025



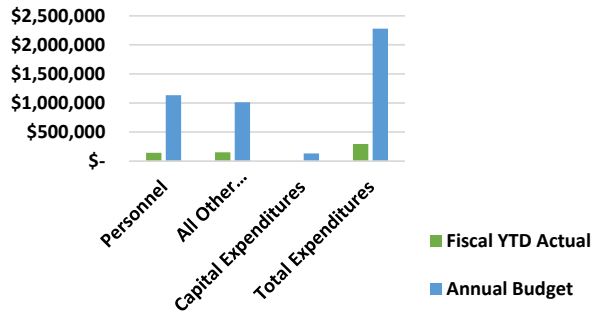
Dashboard for August 2025

At a glance...

	Current month*	Prior year		Calendar YTD
General Fund Cash Balance*	\$ 2,012,101	\$ 1,309,925	Number of Calls	372
Taxes Receivable*	\$ 33,327	\$ 23,249	Number of Volunteers	35
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,840	\$ 21,760	Number of Training Sessions	128
			Number of Training Hours	3,256

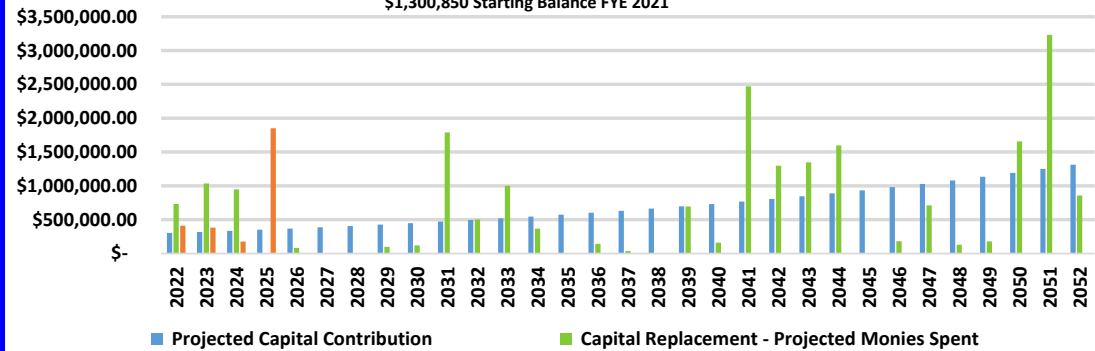
NOTE: The inconsistent nature of our cash flows dictates that we maintain a minimum cash balance of \$400,000.

Budgetary Comparisons - for year to date

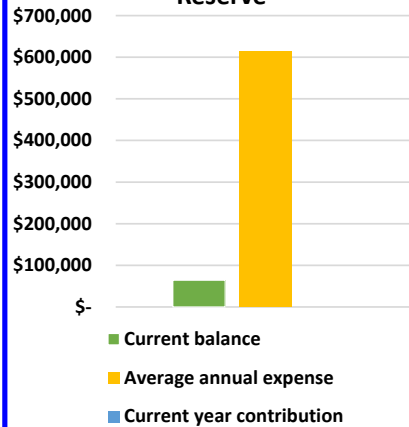


Capital Replacement Schedule

\$1,300,850 Starting Balance FYE 2021



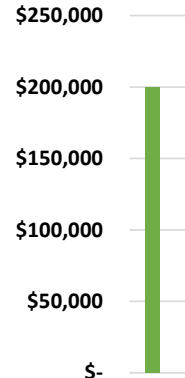
Apparatus and Equipment Reserve



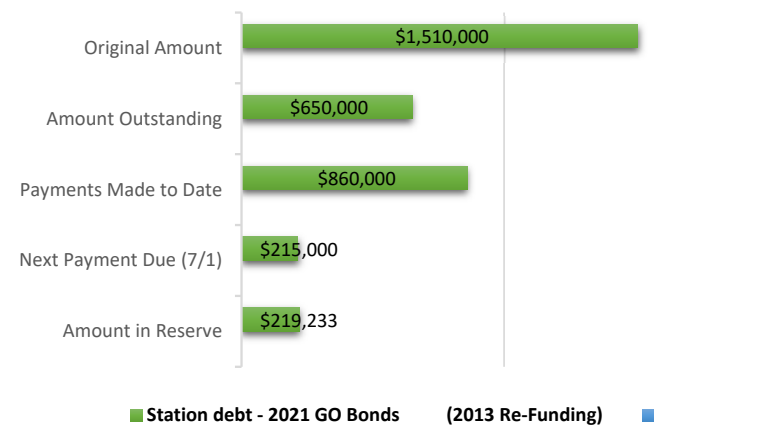
Capital Improvement Reserve



Operational Contingency Fund



Station Debt



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Statement of Financial Position

As of August 31, 2025

	TOTAL	
	AS OF AUG 31, 2025	AS OF AUG 31, 2024 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	\$2,845,636	\$3,894,899
Accounts Receivable	\$74	\$719
Other Current Assets	\$56,110	\$225,921
Total Current Assets	\$2,901,820	\$4,121,539
Fixed Assets		
180000 Capital Assets	0	3,784,656
Total Fixed Assets	\$0	\$3,784,656
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,901,820	\$7,906,195
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$10,840	\$21,760
Credit Cards	\$0	\$3,063
Other Current Liabilities	\$69,980	\$63,993
Total Current Liabilities	\$80,820	\$88,817
Long-Term Liabilities	\$17,603	\$1,263,596
Total Liabilities	\$98,423	\$1,352,413
Equity		
241000 Unrestricted Fund Balance	2,204,034	1,265,785
241001 General fixed asset acct group	0	4,147,141
241002 General LT debt account group	(17,603)	(1,271,232)
241003 Nonspendable Fund Balance	31,567	24,369
241100 Reserved Fund Balance	854,099	2,584,974
241200 Assigned to vol firefighters	0	9,168
Net Revenue	(268,701)	(206,423)
Total Equity	\$2,803,396	\$6,553,782
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,901,820	\$7,906,195

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2025-2026 - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
310000 Taxes	1,361	2,365,436	0.00 %
315000 On-behalf payment from State		127,000	
316000 Entitlement Share		45,187	
320000 Firefighter fundraising event	(250)	0	
350000 Ambulance Transportation	3,764	40,000	9.00 %
360000 Miscellaneous Revenues	2,501	5,000	50.00 %
365000 Contributions and Donations		1,000	
370000 Investment Earnings	16,188	80,000	20.00 %
Total Revenue	\$23,563	\$2,663,623	1.00 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$23,563	\$2,663,623	1.00 %
Expenditures			
420000 Public Safety Expenses	7,945	61,000	13.00 %
420100 Personnel Services	145,005	1,134,276	13.00 %
420200 Supplies	10,219	32,000	32.00 %
420220 Meals/Incentives	7,900	106,000	7.00 %
420240 Fuel	8,324	50,000	17.00 %
420310 Election Costs		7,000	
420320 Professional Subscription/Dues	15,280	21,000	73.00 %
420330 Community Outreach/Education	790	15,000	5.00 %
420340 Utility Services	7,489	70,000	11.00 %
420350 Professional Services	4,550	66,000	7.00 %
420390 Firefighter Physicals	1,308	27,500	5.00 %
420400 Training/Travel - Trustees		2,000	
420420 Facilities	11,687	25,000	47.00 %
420500 Insurance	17,988	90,000	20.00 %
420930 Safety Equipment	37,689	100,000	38.00 %
420940 Apparatus	21,292	120,000	18.00 %
420970 Capital outlay		132,000	
490100 Debt Service		219,233	
669100 Other Charges		500	
Total Expenditures	\$297,465	\$2,278,509	13.00 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (273,902)	\$385,114	(71.00 %)
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Transaction List by Vendor

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	POSTING	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Active 911						
08/17/2025	Bill	639011	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194639 - INV639011	202100 Accounts Payable	777.60
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806054	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-777.60
Adobe						
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Adobe Inc	210570 Costco Citi Card - Nickolay 7029	19.99
Allie Kuntz						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	420.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806050	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-420.00
Amazon Capital Services						
08/05/2025	Bill	1MLN-XHG1-WCD1	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389999 - INV1MLN-XHG1-WCD1	202100 Accounts Payable	67.47
08/07/2025	Bill	13DP-YLH7-49JX	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390007 - INV13DP-YLH7-49JX	202100 Accounts Payable	37.36
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806020	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-273.50
08/12/2025	Bill	19HF-Q1RR-KJWM	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194640 - INV19HF-Q1RR-KJWM	202100 Accounts Payable	18.57
08/18/2025	Bill	1RPM-FLKV-KCH4	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194645 - INV1RPM-FLKV-KCH4	202100 Accounts Payable	75.73
08/18/2025	Vendor Credit	1CCF-P3HT-FVFQ	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194646 - INV1CCF-P3HT-FVFQ	202100 Accounts Payable	-18.57
08/22/2025	Bill	1FPQ-L7V1-4R4K	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194643 - INV1FPQ-L7V1-4R4K	202100 Accounts Payable	45.98
08/26/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7805604	Yes			0.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806052	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-121.71
08/28/2025	Bill	1GMQ-TNK7-9X9K	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135200 - INV1GMQ-TNK7-9X9K	202100 Accounts Payable	55.44
B&H Photo						
08/11/2025	Expenditure		Yes	B&H PHOTO 800-606-6969	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	44.01
BALCO						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806018	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-432.00
08/18/2025	Bill	84696	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194648 - INV84696	202100 Accounts Payable	187.00
08/21/2025	Bill	85052	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194641 - INV85052	202100 Accounts Payable	185.10
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806049	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-372.10
Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806028	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,427.30
Big Sky Fire Equipment						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806022	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-299.00
08/29/2025	Bill	00003314/08-29-25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135216 - INV00003314/08-29-25	202100 Accounts Payable	1,937.35
Big Sky Publishing						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806026	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-22.00
08/31/2025	Bill	082527299	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135206 - INV082527299	202100 Accounts Payable	22.00
BlueCross BlueShield of Montana						
08/01/2025	Bill	X6A680/8.1.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/*****6020 - INVX6A680/8.1.25	202100 Accounts Payable	4,491.14
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806037	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,491.14
Bound Tree Medical						

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08/01/2025	Bill	85835864	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390026 - INV85835864	202100 Accounts Payable	297.92
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806016	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-297.92
Bozeman 1 1080						
08/16/2025	Expenditure		Yes	BOZEMAN #10 #1098	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	4.00
Genex						
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CENEX-VALLEY FARMERS S CUSTER MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	69.36
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CENEX-VALLEY FARMERS S CUSTER MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	21.81
CenturyLink - P.O Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ						
08/01/2025	Bill	333183121/08-01-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390035 - INV333183121/08-01-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	143.53
08/10/2025	Bill	333474739/08-10-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194655 - INV333474739/08-10-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	58.88
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806031	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-143.53
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806051	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-58.88
Charter Communications						
08/09/2025	Bill	172844901080725	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390012 - INV172844901080725	202100 Accounts Payable	301.22
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806025	Yes	8313200110672244	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-301.22
Citi Card						
08/18/2025	Bill	3990/08-18-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135265 - INV3990/08-18-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	8,391.56
Colton Rue-Zindell						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	200.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806045	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-200.00
Connect Telephone and Computer Group						
08/01/2025	Bill	INV300239	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389988 - INVINV300239	202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806024	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-60.00
08/18/2025	Bill	INV300431	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194644 - INVINV300431	202100 Accounts Payable	1,725.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806039	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,725.00
Conoco						
08/16/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CONOCO - FICS	210570 Costco Citi Card - Nickolay 7029	12.14
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CONOCO BIG TIMBER 2 BIG TIMBER MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	57.19
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CONOCO- FICS PLAZA RK DEER LODGE MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	53.77
Costco Wholesale						
08/04/2025	Expenditure		Yes	WWW COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	70.17
08/04/2025	Expenditure		Yes	WWW COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	182.10
08/06/2025	Expenditure		Yes	COSTCO WHSE #0096	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	188.12
Custom Logo						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806012	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-403.20
08/26/2025	Bill	24337	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135197 - INV24337	202100 Accounts Payable	1,888.30

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Dana Safety Supply, Inc.						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806029	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	- 12,927.23
Delta Dental						
08/01/2025	Bill	17272-51213/08-01-25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/*****0815 - INV17272-51213/08-01-25	202100 Accounts Payable	188.70
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806013	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-188.70
Door Tech						
08/12/2025	Bill	251048	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389996 - INV251048	202100 Accounts Payable	395.00
08/12/2025	Bill	251047	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390009 - INV251047	202100 Accounts Payable	493.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806035	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-888.00
eReplacementParts.com						
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	eReplacementparts.com 866-3229842 GA	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	197.77
Evan Jones						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	300.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806046	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-300.00
Facebook						
08/11/2025	Expenditure		Yes	FACEBK *ZH95ZXQAT2	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	3.37
08/11/2025	Expenditure		Yes	FACEBK *VEYUFXU9T2	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	24.16
Farr Automotive Specialist						
08/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	FARR AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALISNEW HAVEN	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	247.20
Fisher's Technology						
08/06/2025	Bill	1537393	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389973 - INV1537393	202100 Accounts Payable	146.25
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806015	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-146.25
Flightsuits USA						
08/04/2025	Expenditure		Yes	PAYPAL *****0587CAN	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	290.00
FURS						
08/08/2025	Check	ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	- 12,978.15
Google						
08/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Google	210570 Costco Citi Card - Nickolay 7029	290.40
08/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	GOOGLE *YT Primetime	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	480.00
Hungry Moose Market and Deli						
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	HUNGRY MOOSE	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	58.07
08/14/2025	Expenditure		Yes	HUNGRY MOOSE	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	55.04
Hyalite Fire Volunteer Association						
08/19/2025	Bill	Billion Reimbursement	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194651 - INVBillion Reimbursement	202100 Accounts Payable	250.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806036	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-250.00
Industrial Comm & Elec of Bozeman						
08/27/2025	Bill	35326	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135191 - INV35326	202100 Accounts Payable	623.00

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J&V Restaurant Supply 08/20/2025	Expenditure		Yes	J&V RESTAURANT SUPPLY BOZEMAN MT	210605 First Interstate Bank - Dahlhauser 4865	56.96
Jack Vincent 08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	260.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806042	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-260.00
MacKenzie River Pizza 08/16/2025	Expenditure		Yes	MACKENZIE RIVER	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	199.70
Mastercard 08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806021	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,140.52
08/22/2025	Bill	4857/08-22-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135222 - INV4857/08-22-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	202.13
08/22/2025	Bill	4865/08-22-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135217 - INV4865/08-22-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	248.02
Mcafee 08/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	MCAFEE*AUTORENEWAL	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	149.99
Montana Dept. of Revenue 08/08/2025	Check	FIB epay	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,207.00
Montana Firemen's Association 08/08/2025	Check	7806009	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-538.55
Montana Occupational Health 08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806027	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-100.00
08/18/2025	Bill	20584	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194637 - INV20584	202100 Accounts Payable	504.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806048	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-504.00
Montana State Fund 08/01/2025	Bill	20419973	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390013 - INV20419973	202100 Accounts Payable	5,018.26
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806030	Yes	03-134600-0	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-5,018.26
MS Teddy Bear 08/04/2025	Expenditure		Yes	MS TEDDY BEAR	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	188.95
NAPA Auto Parts 08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806034	Yes	12342	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-749.90
Nicholas Blommel 08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806053	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-60.00
Northwestern Energy 08/11/2025	Bill	1196979-7/08-11- 2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390021 - INV1196979-7/08-11-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	548.28
08/11/2025	Bill	3252724-4/08-11- 2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390020 - INV3252724-4/08-11-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	140.18
08/11/2025	Bill	0180737-9/08-11- 2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390028 - INV0180737-9/08-11-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	146.65
08/11/2025	Bill	3091809-8/08-11- 2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390019 - INV3091809-8/08-11-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	347.36
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806014	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,182.47

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08/14/2025	Bill	0180089-5/08-14-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194647 - INV0180089-5/08-14-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	72.50
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806041	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-72.50
Owenhouse-Ace Hardware						
08/27/2025	Bill	191619/08-27-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135233 - INV191619/08-27-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	312.91
Paige Manua						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	320.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806043	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-320.00
People Facts						
08/01/2025	Bill	2025070534	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389954 - INV2025070534	202100 Accounts Payable	16.67
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806032	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-16.67
PERS						
08/08/2025	Check	ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-369.79
Pinion						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806019	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,750.00
Pintler Billing Services						
08/04/2025	Expenditure	2258	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389960 - INV2258	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-500.00
PJ's Plumbing & Heating						
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	PJS PLUMBING AND HEATING 406-3885060	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	220.00
RAE Water						
08/25/2025	Bill	GH5370-00/08.2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194652 - INVGH5370-00/08.2025	202100 Accounts Payable	47.04
08/25/2025	Bill	FIRE-00/08.2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194636 - INVFIRE-00/08.2025	202100 Accounts Payable	89.25
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806055	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-136.29
Republic Services						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806010	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-518.70
08/31/2025	Bill	0886-002096487	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786878928 - INV0886-002096487	202100 Accounts Payable	240.15
08/31/2025	Bill	0886-002092631	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786878929 - INV0886-002092631	202100 Accounts Payable	183.45
Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806011	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-3,726.26
Rosas Pizza						
08/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	ROSAS PIZZA	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	320.50
Ruby Weinberg						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806047	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-60.00
Safelite AutoGlass						
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SAFELITE AUTOGLASS 614-210-9192 OH	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	429.99

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	POSTING	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SIMPLETEXTING LLC	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	43.00
Starlink Internet						
08/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	STARLINK INTERNET	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	407.00
Summit Fire & Security						
08/08/2025	Bill	3443480	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389966 - INV3443480	202100 Accounts Payable	470.00
08/08/2025	Bill	3443526	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390016 - INV3443526	202100 Accounts Payable	425.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806023	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-895.00
08/28/2025	Bill	INV 3478913	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135201 - INVINV 3478913	202100 Accounts Payable	230.00
08/28/2025	Bill	INV 3479190	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135202 - INVINV 3479190	202100 Accounts Payable	156.00
08/28/2025	Bill	3479251	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135203 - INV3479251	202100 Accounts Payable	355.00
The Jump						
08/16/2025	Expenditure		Yes	TST* THE JUMP	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	108.00
The Wrap Shack						
08/11/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SQ *THE WRAP SHACK	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	68.42
Town & Country Foods - Field St						
08/01/2025	Bill	5863770/08-01-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775390023 - INV5863770/08-01-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	120.21
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806017	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-120.21
08/20/2025	Expenditure		Yes	TOWN & COUNTRY FOODS BOZEMAN MT	210605 First Interstate Bank - Dahlhauser 4865	191.06
Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.						
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806033	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-797.28
Town Pump						
08/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	21.13
08/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	31.03
08/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	7.73
08/03/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	9.81
08/03/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	41.62
08/03/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	16.70
08/05/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	38.41
08/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	57.92
08/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	12.79
08/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	19.08
08/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	42.73
08/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	16.35
08/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	66.23
08/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	78.76
08/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	24.38
08/15/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	31.69
08/15/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	21.67
08/16/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	24.26
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	36.04
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	33.92
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	32.59
08/17/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	63.08
08/19/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	23.83
08/20/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump	210100 Conoco	44.36
United States Treasury						
08/08/2025	Check	FIB epay	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-7,969.10
USPS						
08/11/2025	Expenditure		Yes	USPS.COM CLICKNSHIP	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	8.40

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Verizon						
08/23/2025	Bill	6121820169	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135261 - INV6121820169	202100 Accounts Payable	674.61
Wex Bank						
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806038	Yes	0203-00-109722-9	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,115.22
08/31/2025	Bill	106821140	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/782194693 - INV106821140	202100 Accounts Payable	1,115.22
WWW.UI.com						
08/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	WWW.UI.COM	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	1,847.70
Zakkar Tusken						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	660.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806040	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-660.00
Zane Nordwick						
08/25/2025	Bill	Aug 25 Call Response	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	220.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806044	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-220.00

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
100000	Cash/Investments					
101000	General Fund					
08/04/2025	Expenditure	2258	Pintler Billing Services	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/775389960 - INV2258		-500.00
				Medical billing for July 2025		500.00
08/08/2025	Check	ERIC	FURS			-12,978.15
						-5,541.34
						-7,436.81
08/08/2025	Check	ERIC	PERS			-369.79
						-172.15
						-197.64
08/08/2025	Check	FIB epay	Montana Dept. of Revenue			-2,207.00
						-2,207.00
08/08/2025	Check	7806009	Montana Firemen's Association	Montana Firemen's Association		-538.55
						-538.55
08/08/2025	Check	FIB epay	United States Treasury			-7,969.10
						-6,380.00
						-794.55
						-794.55
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806010	Republic Services			-518.70
						-518.70
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806011	Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.			-3,726.26
						-3,726.26
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806012	Custom Logo			-403.20
						-403.20
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806013	Delta Dental			-188.70
						-188.70
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806014	Northwestern Energy			-1,182.47
						-1,182.47
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806015	Fisher's Technology			-146.25
						-146.25
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806016	Bound Tree Medical			-297.92
						-297.92
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806017	Town & Country Foods - Field St			-120.21
						-120.21
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806018	BALCO			-432.00
						-432.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806019	Pinion			-2,750.00
						-2,750.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806020	Amazon Capital Services			-273.50
						-273.50
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806021	Mastercard			-2,140.52
						-2,140.52
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806022	Big Sky Fire Equipment			-299.00
						-299.00

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08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806023	Summit Fire & Security			-895.00
						-895.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806024	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-60.00
						-60.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806025	Charter Communications	8313200110672244		-301.22
						-301.22
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806026	Big Sky Publishing			-22.00
						-22.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806027	Montana Occupational Health			-100.00
						-100.00
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806028	Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.			-2,427.30
						-2,427.30
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806029	Dana Safety Supply, Inc.			-12,927.23
						-12,927.23
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806030	Montana State Fund	03-134600-0		-5,018.26
						-5,018.26
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806031	CenturyLink - P.O Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ			-143.53
						-143.53
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806032	People Facts			-16.67
						-16.67
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806033	Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.			-797.28
						-797.28
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806034	NAPA Auto Parts	12342		-749.90
						-749.90
08/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806035	Door Tech			-888.00
						-888.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806036	Hyalite Fire Volunteer Association			-250.00
						-250.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806037	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana			-4,491.14
						-4,491.14
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806038	Wex Bank	0203-00-109722-9		-1,115.22
						-1,115.22
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806039	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-1,725.00
						-1,725.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806040	Zakkar Tusken			-660.00
						-660.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806041	Northwestern Energy			-72.50
						-72.50
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806042	Jack Vincent			-260.00
						-260.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806043	Paige Manua			-320.00
						-320.00

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806044	Zane Nordwick			-220.00
						-220.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806045	Colton Rue-Zindell			-200.00
						-200.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806046	Evan Jones			-300.00
						-300.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806047	Ruby Weinberg			-60.00
						-60.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806048	Montana Occupational Health			-504.00
						-504.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806049	BALCO			-372.10
						-372.10
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806050	Allie Kuntz			-420.00
						-420.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806051	CenturyLink - P.O Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ			-58.88
						-58.88
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806052	Amazon Capital Services			-121.71
						-121.71
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806053	Nicholas Blommel			-60.00
						-60.00
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806054	Active 911			-777.60
						-777.60
08/27/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806055	RAE Water			-136.29
						-136.29

**HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
SYNOPSIS**

DATE: AUGUST 19, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sourdough Fire Station, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, Montana

In compliance with [MCA 2017 2-3-212](#) and the Hyalite Rural Fire District Bylaws, the minutes of HRFD Board of Trustees open public meetings are comprised of an audio recording and a written synopsis. The audio recording is designated as the official record of a meeting. The written synopsis serves to assist the public in accessing portions of the audio recording and is a good faith attempt to provide the public with another method to be informed about the actions of the Board. The minutes are available to the public at www.hyalitefire.org/board-meeting-minutes/ or at the Hyalite Rural Fire District Administrative Offices, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, MT, during its standard business hours.

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Miller
Jason Jarrett
Pete Geddes
Ken Beideman

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Nickolay, Fire Chief
Sheryl Wyman, Administrative Assistant
Chris Dahlhauser, Assistant Chief

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Allie Kuntz-President, Volunteer Firefighter Association

0:00:02	CALL TO ORDER OF HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT Chairman Miller called the meeting to order and asked for any public comment on non-agenda items. None given. HYALITE CONSENT AGENDA Chairman Miller asks if there are any requests to pull anything from the Consent Agenda for review. None given. Motion: Trustee Geddes moves to approve consent agenda as presented Trustee Jarrett seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Beideman-Yes; Miller-Yes; Geddes-Yes. Unanimous approval. <i>[See July 15, 2025 Board Packet for Consent Agenda items Approved]</i>
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	REGULAR AGENDA
0:00:31	Agenda Item 1 – Promotion of Lieutenants The Chief introduces Allie Kuntz who gives the board her background with the station. Allie has her sister pin her new badge. Congratulations are offered by the board.
0:02:54	Agenda Item 2 – Final Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 and Resolution Chief Nickolay states that nothing changed from the preliminary budget except that we had to make an adjustment to our capital fund. Because we have done well with our budget there was excess money in the general fund and we needed to move a million dollars into the capital replacement account to request the maximum mills. Trustee Geddes asks about the extra money being a result of the rising property values. Chief Nickolay states we are always working within the budget and trying to save to be able to move money into the capital fund. We can now replenish the fund after the large purchase of the two engines. Discussion is held regarding the interest earned from the county account. Chair Miller asks for a motion to approve. Motion: Trustee Geddes moves to approve. Chair Miller asks for any public comment on the motion. None given. Trustee Jarrett seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Beideman-Yes; Miller-Yes; Geddes-Yes. Unanimous approval. <i>[See Resolution and FY2026 Budget – Attachment A]</i>
0:06:31	Agenda Item 3 – Signing Interlocal Agreement with Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Chief Nickolay provides a power point presentation. The presentation went over aspects of the reasons behind pursuing an interlocal agreement with Fort Ellis. The Chief goes over the needs of Hyalite and Fort Ellis. He discusses the interlocal agreement and what Hyalite would provide to Fort Ellis. Training would continue with fire training being held at the Cottonwood training and the EMS training will be held at the Fort Ellis fire station. Cost sharing of employees would have Hyalite providing the services of the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Division of Training, Division of Maintenance, and Recruitment and Retention Captain. This would reduce Hyalites budget for personnel. The training facility costs would be shared. The volunteer handbook is essentially the same for both stations. Ambulance costs would be shared and would reduce the costs of operation for Hyalite. Chief Nickolay goes over the history and details of the interlocal agreement.

	The agreement is set to start October 1 and a termination date of June 30, 2029. Either party may give 90 days' notice to terminate the agreement. The Fort Ellis board will adopt the Hyalite Fire Chief as the Fort Ellis Fire Chief by resolution. Fort Ellis will pay Hyalite \$225,000 annually to fulfill the agreement be paid in monthly increments of \$18,750.
0:22:23	Discussion is held among the board members. Trustee Jarrett raises concerns of not knowing how the interlocal agreement will affect the staff. He has not seen any estimates for staff time. He doesn't feel our current staff has any extra time. Chief Nickolay feels there would be a lot of duplication. Fort Ellis is expecting 30 hours/week of the fire chief's time. He doesn't feel he would need to spend 30 hours/week at Fort Ellis. He feels there is an unknown. The Chief feels there would be additional needs from maintenance. Recruitment would be duplication for Hyalite and Fort Ellis. The assistant operations area would be under the same umbrella when under the same model. Trustee Jarrett wants to be a strong partner but doesn't see what that means for staff over time and the cumulative effect. He also has concerns with some of the language in the interlocal agreement. Chief Nickolay speaks to conversations he and the Assistant Chief have had with the volunteers of Fort Ellis. Chief doesn't feel there will be a huge lift by Hyalite staff but more of a collaborative effort between the staffs of both stations. Trustee Jarrett understands the Fire Chief has flexibility but how does this affect the staff and their time. Time spent with Fort Ellis is time spent away from Hyalite.
0:35:36	Trustee Geddes feels there could be a way forward without the interlocal agreement. His experience is what Hyalite went through with the Rae and Sourdough interlocal. The interlocal started at the operational level and moved up to the board. From his perspective Fort Ellis is looking for us to take over the operations of their fire service area. This includes ambulance service, maintenance, training, chief, and what is the correct amount of reimbursement for those services which concerns him. He feels the board is open to further collaboration. His suggestion is to start at the operational level to see what that looks like. And to think about what the logical end game our residents can expect. He feels it's annexation and what the finances looks like. Smaller increments of combination of operations would be beneficial. Our first obligation is to the Hyalite residents. The trustees felt having the interlocal agreement earlier might have been beneficial. Once hearing what the expectations included versus what was in the interlocal agreement caused pause on the direction we should go. Chief Nickolay feels that without the help from Fort Ellis changes will need to be made at Hyalite which will cost money. Trustee Geddes states if the end game is annexation, we need to take a look at what that looks like. He also suggests an integrated operational plan should be put together. Possibly get a third-party analysis. Trustee Jarrett feels a start would be an expressed FTE need. Trustee Geddes wants to solve the command problem for Hyalite. He feels the number one priority of the board is to continue to support the business model of Hyalite.

0:49:26	The Chief asks for board direction. Trustee Geddes says we will vote on the interlocal. He feels the Chief should keep working from an operational perspective if there is a benefit. He feels annexation is the logical endpoint. Chair Miller asks for any public or staff comment. None given. Trustee Beideman asks about the dynamics of the Rae Sourdough interlocal. Discussion is held among the trustees and the Chief. Trustee Jarrett would like to see a much more thoughtful estimate on staff time. He would like to know what that looks like for each of our staff. Trustee Geddes feels a great benefit is the training piece and getting Fort Ellis trained up to Hyalite's standards. This would make Hyalite stronger for our residents. Chair Miller states a letter was received that Hyalite would need to make a decision today or they would need to hire their own people. Hyalite is not able to make that decision tonight. We would like to keep the conversation going but an interlocal isn't the way to go. Trustee Geddes would like the Chief to go back and present what the operational level would look like. And if annexation is the end goal what does that look like. We want this to happen in a fair and collaborative way. Chair Miller asks for any public comment. None given. Motion: Trustee Geddes moves to reject the interlocal agreement as presented. Trustee Jarrett seconded the motion. Chair Miller asks for any public comment on the motion. None given. Vote: Jarrett-Reject; Beideman-Reject; Miller-Reject; Geddes-Reject. Unanimous approval of motion to reject the interlocal agreement. <i>[See Interlocal Agreement - Attachment B]</i>
1:13:23	Agenda Item 4 – Board Appointment to the Gallatin County EMS District Chief Nickolay has been on the EMS steering committee to improve the ambulance service in the Gallatin County. They are trying to establish a board, both an administrative board and an operational board. The boards would handle EMS supplies, billing and training. The admin level would be a board member and the operational level will be a fire chief. Discussion is held by the board members and Chief. Trustee Geddes volunteers to sit on this board. Chair Miller asks for a motion.

	Motion: Trustee Jarrett moves to select Trustee Geddes as our representative for the county EMS committee. Chair Miller asks for any public comment on the motion. None given. Trustee Jarrett seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Beideman-Yes; Miller-Yes; Geddes-Yes. Unanimous approval.
1:18:55	Agenda Item 5 – Replacement of Rae Fire Station - <i>Standing Agenda Item</i> There hasn't been any activity. Poster boards are going to be produced to be available at community events. The Chief has been reaching out to HOAs who suggest putting him on the agenda next year. Discussion is held amongst the board members and the Chief. Backtracking, Trustee Jarrett asks on the procedure to notify Fort Ellis board. Trustee Geddes will prepare an email to circulate among the trustees to send to the Fort Ellis board.
1:22:22	Agenda Item 6 – Volunteer Firefighters Association Report – <i>Standing Agenda Item</i> Allie Kuntz, President of the Volunteer Association advises the board they have been working on this year's Pancake Breakfast. They have a large turnout of volunteers who would like to help with the breakfast. Firefighters have been going out to business in the district and have received \$1,000s of donations. Firefighter French has provided the Chief with a peer support proposal. They are now looking at more community outreach events. Trustee Geddes asks about presenting to the public the architectural renderings of the new station and firefighter residence accommodations at the public events. The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for September 20, 2025 from 7-11am.
1:25:56	Agenda Item 7 – Fire Chief's Report Chief Nickolay goes over his fire chief's report. July there were 73 calls which was a busy month. Membership is at 41 members. They will be working on command coverage to bring to the board in the future. Trainings are ongoing. Wildland fire training just completed. The training captain position has completed with interviews and the committee selected a candidate. The Chief sent out a preliminary job offer and all stipulations to that offer have been met. The Chief will now move forward with a final job offer.

	The Chief will continue to work with the EMS district. There were no firefighter injuries and all apparatus are in use. <i>[See Fire Chief's Report-Attachment C]</i>
1:28:02	Trustees' Activities • None at this time.
1:28:12	Announcements • Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2025.
1:29:03	Adjournment

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**Board of Trustees for the Hyalite Rural Fire District
Resolution No. 2025-02**

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees to the Gallatin County Board of
Commissioners Providing the Estimated Annual Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for
the Hyalite Rural Fire District and Authorizing the Maximum Mill Levy and
Additional Mills to Include Debt Service as Authorized by the Voters.**

This resolution was introduced and moved by Pete Geddes, seconded by Jason Jarrett.
The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4-0.

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA 7-33-2105, the Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing, and facilities, including real property, for the protection of the fire district; and

WHEREAS, MCA 7-33-2105 requires the Board of Trustees to prepare annual budgets and request special levies for the budgets of Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2025, the Hyalite Rural Fire District posted and published notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda in which the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was to be considered, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025 a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hyalite Rural Fire District was held to consider the Estimated Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board was present; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees allowed the public to comment on the Estimated Fiscal Year 2026 budget in the form of written comment and oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to receive the same amount of tax money in Fiscal Year 2026 as in Fiscal Year 2025, plus the money on newly taxable property, inclusive of the inflationary adjustment authorized by state law, and the Fiscal Year 2026 revenue should be over and above all cash carryovers from Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, in determining whether to levy the full maximum mills, the Board of Trustees considered that there has been no significant decrease in calls for service during the last fiscal year, fire calls and mutual aid calls have increased and therefore an additional appreciation in the total number of calls is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees also considered the number of critical apparatus', equipment and structures owned by the District are in need of repair or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the maximum number of mills allowed by state law is necessary to adequately fund the ongoing public health, safety and welfare duties and activities of the District in order to meet their statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Hyalite Fire District has assumed the debt from the Sourdough Fire District bond in the amount of two million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000) requiring the payment of principal and interest in Fiscal Year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Estimated Fiscal Year 2026 budget has been established and is hereby presented as described in Exhibit "A".
2. The Board of Trustees request the Gallatin County Commission levy the maximum number of mills allowed by current state statute, based on updated certified taxable values from the State of Montana, Department of Revenue.
3. The Gallatin County Commissioners include the cost of debt service of \$219,233.00 as an additional tax as authorized by the voters.
4. A copy of this Resolution and attached exhibits shall be forwarded to the Gallatin County Finance Director.
5. If needed, the Finance Director is authorized to balance our preliminary budget calculations by either increasing or reducing our future year Capital reserve to meet expected revenue.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2025.


Justin Miller, Chairman
Eugene M. (Pete) Geddes, Vice-Chairman
Ken Beideman, Secretary
Jason Jarrett, Trustee

Walt Zidack, Treasurer

Exhibit A

Hyalite Rural Fire District

FY2026 Budget

**GALLATIN COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICT/LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST FORM**

**FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026**

DISTRICT NAME: Hyalite Rural Fire District

FUND NUMBER: 7220

ANNUAL REVENUE ESTIMATES

DESCRIPTION	FY 24-25 CURRENT BUDGET	FY 24-25 ESTIMATED YEAR END	FY 25-26 REQUEST	COMMENTS
INTEREST	80,000	109,225	80,000	
FIRE INSURANCE COMP				
2% MOTOR VEHICLE TAX				
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	1,000	1,640	1,000	
FIRE IMPACT FEES				
CONTRACTS				
TAXES - PENALTY/INTEREST		3,075		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	45,000	45,000	45,000	Ambulance Revenue
LOAN/BOND REVENUE				
OTHER INCOME	169,461	169,461	172,187	St Entitlement & Furs
COUNTY CONTRIBUTION				
SUBTOTAL	295,461	328,401	298,187	

PER UNIT FEE AT \$____/UNIT				
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	2,006,916	2,141,436	2,146,203	
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		70,332		
MILL LEVY	220,093	220,093	219,233	
SUBTOTAL	2,227,009	2,431,861	2,365,436	

TOTAL REVENUES	2,522,470	2,760,262	2,663,623
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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, WE REQUEST: (select only one)

- ☐ **NUMBER OF MILLS** _____
- ☐ **DOLLAR AMOUNT** _____
- ☒ **MAXIMUM MILLS**

GALLATIN COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICT/LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST FORM

FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026

DISTRICT NAME: Hyalite Rural Fire District

FUND NUMBER: 7220

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

DESCRIPTION	FY 24-25 CURRENT BUDGET	FY 24-25 ESTIMATED YEAR END	FY 25-26 REQUEST	COMMENTS
SALARIES/WAGES	1,015,600		1,134,276	
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS				
SUBTOTAL	1,015,600	0	1,134,276	

OFFICE/OPERATING SUPPLIES	147,000		174,500	
OIL/GAS	50,000		50,000	
UTILITIES	70,000		70,000	
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	100,000		125,000	
TRAVEL	2,000		2,000	
TRAINING	121,000		167,000	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	201,500		204,500	
CONTRACT/DONATIONS	0			
DEBT PAYMENT - PRINCIPAL	215,000		215,000	
DEBT PAYMENT - INTEREST	5,093		4,233	
SUBTOTAL	911,593	0	1,012,233	

USE OF FIRE IMPACT FEES	0			
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	

CAPITAL OUTLAY (THIS YEAR)	1,707,998		132,000	FROM OUTLAY FORM
CAPITAL RESERVE (FUTURE)	1,080,978		2,090,978	FROM RESERVE FORM
SUBTOTAL	2,788,976	0	2222978	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,716,169	0	4,369,487
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BOARD APPROVAL

WE HEREBY SUBMIT OUR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR YOUR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

 CHAIRMAN	406 763-6141 PHONE	 TRUSTEE	406 580 1838 PHONE
 TRUSTEE	406 539-9042 PHONE	 TRUSTEE	 PHONE
 TRUSTEE	619-607-9850 PHONE	 TRUSTEE	 PHONE

**GALLATIN COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICT/LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST
FORM CAPITAL RESERVE FORM**

**FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026**

DEFINITION OF CAPITAL RESERVE (OBJECT CODE 905): YOUR "SAVINGS ACCOUNT". CAPITAL RESERVE IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT COSTING IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 WITH A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE. DOLLARS BUDGETED IN CODE 905 MAY NOT BE SPENT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. RESERVES ARE FOR ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED IN FUTURE YEARS.

DISTRICT/LIBRARY NAME		Hyalite Rural Fire District		
FUND NUMBER		7220		
BOX 1 - FY 2025 CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET		1,080,978		
BOX 2 - CAPITAL RESERVES TO BE USED IN FY 2026		132,000		
REQUESTED ITEM/ PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED PURCHASE DATE	AMOUNT RESERVED TO DATE	FY 2026 REQUESTED INCREASE
A. Capital Apparatus Fund				1,142,000
B.				
C.				
D.				
E.				
BOX 3 - TOTAL FY 2026 REQUESTED INCREASE (SUM A-E)				1,142,000
BOX 4 - TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET FOR FY 2026 (BOX 1 - BOX 2 + BOX 3)				2,090,978

JUSTIFICATION:

 _____ SIGNATURE	8-19-25 _____ DATE
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**GALLATIN COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICT/LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST
FORM CAPITAL OUTLAY FORM**

**FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026**

DEFINITION OF CAPITAL OUTLAY: EACH ITEM MUST HAVE A VALUE OF \$5,000 OR MORE AND A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF OVER (2) YEARS. CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

910 - LAND

915 - SOFTWARE

920 - BUILDINGS

930 - IMPROVEMENTS TO LAND, I.E. SIDEWALKS, LAWN SPRINKLING SYSTEMS, ETC.

940 - EQUIPMENT/MACHINERY

950 - CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

DISTRICT/LIBRARY NAME		Hyalite Rural Fire District	
FUND NUMBER			7220
REQUESTED ITEM/ PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REPLACING EQUIPMENT? YES/NO	JUSTIFICATION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST
Replace New Shingles Sourdough Bay-920	No	Rolled Over From FY2025	25,000
Training Burn Building-920	No	Rolled Over From FY2025	7,000
SCBA Compressor-Cottonwood Station-940	Yes	Current Compressor is 15 years old	100,000
TOTAL FY 2026 CAPITAL REQUESTS			132,000

 SIGNATURE	8-19-25 DATE
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**GALLATIN COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICT/LIBRARY - CONTACT
INFORMATION FORM FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	Hyalite Rural Fire District
MAILING ADDRESS	4541 S. 3rd Rd Bozeman, MT 59715

BUDGET DOCUMENTS - BUDGET DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY CONTACT. IF BUDGET DOCUMENTS ARE UNDELIVERABLE TO THE PRIMARY CONTACT, THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON.

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON	Walt Zidack
TITLE	Treasurer, Board of Trustees
PHONE NUMBER	(406) 539-4358
E-MAIL ADDRESS	wzidack@hyalitefire.org; admin@hyalitefire.org
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)	

SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON	Brian Nickolay
TITLE	Fire Chief
PHONE NUMBER	(406) 586-3770
E-MAIL ADDRESS	bnickolay@hyalitefire.org
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)	

SIGNING AUTHORITY INFORMATION - SHOULD A CONTRACT BE AWARDED, THE FOLLOWING SIGNATORY(S) WILL BE DESIGNATED IN THE CONTRACT.

NAME OF PRIMARY SIGNATORY	Justin Miller
TITLE	Chairman, Board of Trustees
NAME OF SECONDARY SIGNATORY	Walt Zidack
TITLE	Treasurer, Board of Trustees

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR BUDGET REQUEST

Gallatin County Finance Dept
311 W Main St Rm304A
Bozeman, MT 59715
finance@gallatin.mt.gov

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

FIRE CHIEF SERVICES

FORT ELLIS FIRE SERVICE AREA AND HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

This Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) is made pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 11, Part 1, Montana Code Annotated on the 1st day of October 2025 (“Effective Date”) between FORT ELLIS FIRE SERVICE AREA, Gallatin County, Montana (“Fort Ellis”) and HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT, Gallatin County, Montana (“Hyalite”) (collectively the “Parties”).

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to enumerate the specific authorities, duties and funding for the joint and cooperative undertaking where Hyalite provides the services of a Fire Chief (as defined in Sec.7-33-2001, Montana Code Annotated) for Fort Ellis.

ARTICLE II DURATION and TERMINATION

The term of this Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and shall terminate on June 30, 2029. Either party may give 90 days written notice that it will no longer participate in the joint and cooperative undertaking at which time this Agreement shall terminate. Either party may give written notice that a material provision of this Agreement has been breached. Material provisions are payment by Fort Ellis and performance as fire chief pursuant to Section 7-33-2001, MCA by Hyalite.

ARTICLE III CREATION OF LEGAL ENTITIES

This Agreement does not create any new legal entity. All of the obligations and duties of Fort Ellis and Hyalite are not affected by this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV SCOPE, ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNANCE and DUTIES

Hyalite designates its Fire Chief as the individual to act as the Fire Chief for Fort Ellis. The Hyalite designated Fire Chief shall perform the duties and has the obligations set forth in Sec.7-33-2001, MCA for Fort Ellis. Fort Ellis shall accept the designated Fire chief by Resolution. Hyalite’s scope of work is to provide all services necessary for its Fire Chief to perform the duties and obligations necessary in Section 7-33-2001, MCA for Fort Ellis.

The Hyalite Fire Chief will use all appropriate resources of Hyalite to perform under this Agreement, subject to the Fort Ellis annual approved budget, including equipment, supplies and personnel such as the Hyalite training chief, maintenance chief, recruit and retention captain, and

administrative assistant. Hyalite acknowledges that the Fire Chief duties include the duty to maintain the proper training of Fort Ellis personnel including supplies and travel. As part of Fort Ellis's costs and expenses under this Agreement, Hyalite will provide Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service as part of its scope of work under this Agreement.

The Fire Chief is subject the direction of the Fort Ellis Sec. 7-33-2001(3), MCA for the performance of the duties and obligations for only the Fort Ellis Fire Service Area and its operations.

The Boards of Trustees of Fort Ellis and Hyalite shall each designate one individual, along with the Fire Chief, to meet no less than once every three months during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of obtaining status reports and to communicate on the issues affecting the joint and cooperative undertaking.

ARTICLE V FINANCING, PERSONNEL COSTS, COSTS AND BUDGET PROPERTY OWNERSHIP and DISPOSITION

Fort Ellis shall pay Hyalite no more than \$225,000 on an annual basis to fulfil the scope of this Agreement. Payments shall be made every month in the amount of \$18,750, with the first payment due to Hyalite on October 1, 2025. If this Agreement is terminated payment shall be made up to the effective day of termination on a pro-rata basis.

No later than the last day of February 2026 and every year thereafter, either party to this Agreement may request adjustment to the payment terms for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1.

Any property purchased during this Agreement to provide service to Fort Ellis shall be made in the name of Fort Ellis and shall not be transferred to Hyalite. Each party shall be responsible for retirement contributions for its own employees only.

ARTICLE VI OTHER NECESSARY AND PROPER MATTERS

1. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should a dispute arise as to the meaning of any provision of this Agreement or the Parties' respective rights and obligations under this Agreement that cannot be resolved, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation. A request to mediate shall be submitted in writing by the party desiring mediation and shall specify the dispute for mediation. Within ten (10) working days after receipt of a request for mediation, the party receiving the request shall submit a written response stating its position on the dispute.

If no agreement or resolution is reached within ten (10) working days after receipt of the response by the requesting party, the requesting Party shall provide a list of three (3) names of mediators to the other party, who shall strike one name from the list. The party requesting mediation shall then strike a name.

Each party shall be equally responsible for the costs of the mediation.

If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute through mediation, then such dispute shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in compliance with the applicable law.

2. INDEMNIFICATION

Fort Ellis and Hyalite agree that this Agreement creates a joint and cooperative undertaking where Hyalite is performing its scope of work for the benefit of Fort Ellis in exchange for payment. Fort Ellis will hold harmless, defend and indemnify Hyalite its agents and employees from any claim or cause of action resulting from Hyalite's performance of the scope of work of work under this Agreement unless the acts of Hyalite its agents and employees while performing the scope of work under this Agreement are negligent, intentional or willful. Hyalite will hold harmless, defend and indemnify Fort Ellis its agents and employees from any claim or cause of action for acts of Hyalite while it is providing firefighting and emergency response to its own rural fire district.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. ASSIGNMENT and AUTHORITY

No party shall assign, transfer, or convey any right or obligation set forth in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. The undersigned represent that they have authority to enter this Agreement.

2. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof. No other terms or conditions shall be binding upon either party unless accepted in writing. This Agreement supersedes any previous oral or written agreements between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof.

3. APPLICABLE LAW, VENUE and ATTORNEYS FEES

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana and any action to enforce any right or obligation shall be brought in the Eighteenth District Court, Gallatin County, Montana. The prevailing party in any action to enforce this Agreement shall be entitled to attorney's fees including those of in-house counsel.

4. SURVIVAL

The obligations of Article V and Article VI, Section 2 shall survive termination of the Agreement.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The Parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local law in performing under this Agreement.

6. AMENDMENT

No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or effective unless evidenced by an agreement in writing signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

7. WAIVER

No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other term or condition, whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

8. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity, partial invalidity, or unenforceability of any one provision or portion thereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

9. NOTICES

Required notices, except legal notices, shall be given in writing and sent by mail or email to:

To Fort Ellis: Chairperson, 3041 Bozeman Trail Road, Bozeman, MT 59715

To Hyalite: Chairperson, 4541 South 3rd Road, Bozeman MT 59715.

10. RECORDING

Fort Ellis will be responsible for filing an executed copy of this Agreement with the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder and the Secretary of State pursuant to 7-11-107, MCA, and will provide a copy of the recorded document to Hyalite. Cost of filing will be paid by Fort Ellis.

11. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is an interlocal agreement under Section 7-11-104, M.C.A. To that end, this Agreement shall remain in effect at least through the date stated in Article II above, unless earlier terminated under the provisions hereof or by the agreement of the Parties. As an agreement

amongst recognized government entities and political subdivisions no partnership or joint venture is intended nor exists nor shall be deemed to exist between the Parties.

12. SUPERSESSION AND RATIFICATION

This Agreement shall supersede and replace any previous agreements amongst the Parties related to the purpose and subject matter of this Agreement prior to the Effective Date.

This Agreement entered on the Effective Date by:

FORT ELLIS FIRE SERVICE AREA

HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Chair

Chair



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

August 2025

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 73 incidents in July 2025. Our year total for incidents to date is 404.

- Total July 2024 - 59
- Total July 2023 - 91
- Total July 2022 - 58
- Total July 2021 - 60
- Total July 2020 - 59

2. Our current roster is at 41 members (effective 8/1/2025).

- 1 Career Fire Chief
- 1 Career Assistant Fire Chief
- 2 Division Chiefs
- 1 Career Captains
- 2 Volunteer Captains
- 1 Volunteer Reserve Captains
- 5 Volunteer Lieutenants
- 12 Volunteer Firefighters
- 13 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
- 1 Volunteer Driver/Operators
- 2 Volunteer Reserve Firefighters

3. We are continuing to work on our overnight command coverage shortages. We are at 2 of our needed 7 volunteer captains. We have 2 of our new captains working on shadowing command shifts currently. We have started 2 new captains in training. Myself, Assistant Chief Dahlhauser, Division Chief Malone and Division Chief Prato are continuing to work extra to provide coverage at night where we lack availability.

4. We currently have 8 resident firefighters living at the Sourdough Fire Station.

- Current Sourdough Residents -
 - Allie Kuntz, Nick Blommel, Kade O'Brian, Evan Jones, Ruby Weinburg, Zach Fredach, Paige Maunu, and Zane Nordwick.
 - Sourdough resident firefighters continue to fill weekend shifts Friday 7pm – Monday 7am.

5. We currently have 3 resident firefighters living at the Cottonwood Fire Station.
 - Current Cottonwood Residents –
 - Zakkar Tusken, Jack Vincent and Colton Rue-Zindell
 - Cottonwood resident firefighters continue to fill weekday night shifts Monday – Thursday 7pm – 7am.
Non-resident firefighters have stepped up to help fill the Cottonwood overnight shifts.
6. We currently have 4 residents at the Rae house.
 - Current Rae Residents -
 - Kate Brownell, Tyler Palmer, Ted Yewer and Sophie Smith.
7. Non-resident volunteer firefighters continue to cover 6 hour shifts at the Sourdough Fire Station on Monday - Friday 7am – 7pm. With our current level of staffing we are able to cover 4 of our 10 day shifts with at least 2 volunteers.
8. We continue our regular multi company fire and EMS training every Wednesday night and command training twice a month. Our regular training through the month of July and August focused on wildland fire training.
9. We have begun the hiring process of our Training Captain position. We have completed interviews and have offered a candidate a preliminary job offer. We hope to have the new position on board in mid September.
10. The fire district is continuing to be involved with EMS discussion going on in Gallatin County. The current work of the steering committee is to get legal review of creating an EMS district in Gallatin County. This would allow EMS transporting agencies to pool resources on supply ordering, EMS billing and training. The creation of the district would not have taxing authority until it went before the voters. I am still one of the steering committee members.
11. Staff is continuing to work with the members of the Fort Ellis Fire Service Area on the interlocal agreement. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser and myself have been meeting with the Fort Ellis Firefighters one on one. Overall everyone is in support of our plan. We have also been meeting with the current Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs at Fort Ellis on our integration plan.
12. I am still on the Board of Directors with Montana State Fire Chiefs Association as a combination section director.
13. I am still on the Montana State Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Committee.
14. I continue to sit on the board of the Gallatin County Fire Council as Vice President. I also continue to chair the Gallatin County Fire Council communications committee.

15. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser continues to chair the training and SOP committee with the Gallatin County Fire Council.

16. I am still a Gallatin County Deputy Fire Warden.

17. We had no firefighter injuries in the month of August.

18. All apparatus are in service.

Consent Agenda End

Regular Agenda Item 1

Capital Replacement Plan

Hyalite Fire District Capital Replacement Costs Interval

Items	# of units	Cost (Today's Price)	Lifespan (In Years)	Salvage Value per Unit	Per Year Cost per Unit	Per year cost per all units
Commands	6	\$ 65,000	10	\$ 500	\$ 6,500	\$ 39,000
Engines	4	\$ 800,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 160,000
Water Tenders	3	\$ 500,000	25	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 60,000
Support	1	\$ 350,000	25	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Ambulance	3	\$ 350,000	10	\$ 1,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 105,000
Brush Truck (chassis)	1	\$ 80,000	12	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,667	\$ 6,667
Utility Vehicle (including plow)	2	\$ 75,000	15	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
SCBAs	44	\$ 8,000	10	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 35,200
SCBA Air Cascade System	1	\$ 85,000	10	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Thermal Imaging Cameras	4	\$ 8,000	5	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ 6,400
Air Quality Monitors	5	\$ 2,500	5	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 2,500
Portable Radios	45	\$ 8,000	10	\$ 50	\$ 800	\$ 36,000
Mobile Radios	44	\$ 14,750	10	\$ 50	\$ 1,475	\$ 64,900
Base Station Radios	3	\$ 14,750	10	\$ 50	\$ 1,475	\$ 4,425
AEDs	14	\$ 2,500	10	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 3,500
Little Giant Ladders	4	\$ 300	10	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 120
14' Roof Ladders	4	\$ 330	10	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 132
24' Ext. Ladders	4	\$ 700	10	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 280
Portable Generators	5	\$ 1,200	10	\$ 50	\$ 120	\$ 600
Extrication Equip	4	\$ 35,000	10	\$ 50	\$ 3,500	\$ 14,000
Rescue Chainsaws	5	\$ 2,000	10	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
Rotary Saws	4	\$ 2,000	10	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 800
Ventilation Fans	4	\$ 2,000	10	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 800
Lifepak Monitors	3	\$34,000.00	10	\$0.00	\$ 3,400	\$ 10,200

\$ 584,023.67

Fiscal Year	Capital Contribution 5%	Total Cost with salvage - unadjusted	Inflation Indexed 3%	Replacement Cost	Starting Balance \$1,064,301.00	Description
2026	\$ 378,000.00	\$ 1,805,950.00	1.00	\$ 1,805,950.00	\$ (741,649.00)	WT-6-2, S-6, AMB 6, AMB 6-2, U-6, U-6-1, SCBA Air Cascade System, E-6-4 Extrication Equipment
2027	\$ 396,900.00	\$ -	1.03		\$ (344,749.00)	
2028	\$ 416,745.00	\$ 111,500.00	1.06	\$ 118,290.35	\$ (46,294.35)	C-6-3, TICs, AQMs
2029	\$ 437,582.25	\$ 35,000.00	1.09	\$ 38,245.45	\$ 353,042.46	AEDs,
2030	\$ 459,461.36	\$ 34,950.00	1.13	\$ 39,336.53	\$ 773,167.28	E-6-1 Extrication Equipment,
2031	\$ 482,434.43	\$ 1,510,800.00	1.16	\$ 1,751,431.27	\$ (495,829.56)	SCBAs, Portable Radios, Mobile Radios, Base Station Radios, Ventilation Fans, Lifepak Monitors
2032	\$ 506,556.15	\$ 500,870.00	1.19	\$ 598,064.97	\$ (587,338.38)	C-6-1, C-6-2, AMB 6-1, Little Giant Ladders, 24' Ext Ladders, 12' Roof Ladders, Rescue Chainsaws, Rotary Saws,
2033	\$ 531,883.96	\$ 258,650.00	1.23	\$ 318,106.88	\$ (373,561.29)	C-6-5, C-6-6, TICs, AQs, E-6-2 Extrication Equip, E-6-3 Extrication Equip, Portable Generators
2034	\$ 558,478.16	\$ 780,000.00	1.27	\$ 988,080.66	\$ (803,163.80)	E-6-4
2035	\$ 586,402.07	\$ 144,000.00	1.30	\$ 187,887.34	\$ (404,649.07)	C-6-4, B-6-1 (chassis)
2036	\$ 615,722.17	\$ 966,950.00	1.34	\$ 1,299,499.94	\$ (1,088,426.85)	AMB 6, AMB 6-2, U-6, U-6-1, E-6 Extrication Equipment, SCBA Air Cascade System
2037	\$ 646,508.28		1.38	\$ -	\$ (441,918.57)	
2038	\$ 678,833.69	\$ 609,500.00	1.43	\$ 869,001.26	\$ (632,086.14)	C-6-3, WT-6, TICs, Air Quality Monitors
2039	\$ 712,775.38	\$ 815,000.00	1.47	\$ 1,196,854.98	\$ (1,116,165.74)	E-6-1, AEDs,
2040	\$ 748,414.14	\$ 34,950.00	1.51	\$ 52,865.01	\$ (420,616.60)	E-6-1 Extrication Equipment
2041	\$ 785,834.85	\$ 2,000,800.00	1.56	\$ 3,117,181.21	\$ (2,751,962.96)	WT-6-1, SCBAs, Portable Radios, Mobile Radios, Base Station Radios, Ventilation Fans, Lifepak Monitors
2042	\$ 825,126.59	\$ 500,870.00	1.60	\$ 803,749.31	\$ (2,730,585.68)	C-6-1, C-6-2, AMB 6-1, Little Giant Ladders, 14' Roof Ladders, 24' Ext. Ladders, Rescue Chainsaws, Rotary Saws
2043	\$ 866,382.92	\$ 258,650.00	1.65	\$ 427,509.04	\$ (2,291,711.80)	C-6-5, C-6-6, TICs, Air Quality Monitors, E-6-2 Extrication Equip, E-6-3 Extrication Equip, Portable Generators
2044	\$ 909,702.07	\$ -	1.70	\$ -	\$ (1,382,009.73)	
2045	\$ 955,187.17	\$ 1,624,500.00	1.75	\$ 2,848,570.58	\$ (3,275,393.13)	C-6-4, E-6-2, E-6-3
2046	\$ 1,002,946.53	\$ 966,950.00	1.81	\$ 1,746,419.26	\$ (4,018,865.86)	AMB 6, AMB 6-2, U-6, U-6-1, E-6 Extrication Equipment, SCBA Compressor, SCBA Fill Station
2047	\$ 1,053,093.86	\$ 79,000.00	1.86	\$ 146,963.27	\$ (3,112,735.27)	B-6-1 (chassis)
2048	\$ 1,105,748.55	\$ 119,500.00	1.92	\$ 228,974.36	\$ (2,235,961.08)	C-6-3, TICs, Air Quality Monitors,
2049	\$ 1,161,035.98	\$ 35,000.00	1.97	\$ 69,075.53	\$ (1,144,000.63)	AEDs
2050	\$ 1,219,087.78	\$ 34,950.00	2.03	\$ 71,046.15	\$ 4,041.00	E-6-1 Extrication Equipment,
2051	\$ 1,280,042.17	\$ 2,349,800.00	2.09	\$ 4,919,959.38	\$ (3,635,876.21)	WT-6-2, S-6, SCBAs, Portable Radios, Mobile Radios, Base Station Radios, Ventilation Fans, Lifepak Monitors
2052	\$ 1,344,044.28	\$ 500,870.00	2.16	\$ 1,080,171.87	\$ (3,372,003.81)	C-6-1, C-6-2, AMB 6-1, Little Giant Ladders, 14' Roof Ladders, 24' Ext. Ladders, Rescue Chainsaws, Rotary Saws,
2053	\$ 1,411,246.49	\$ 258,650.00	2.22	\$ 574,536.40	\$ (2,535,293.72)	C-6-5, C-6-6, TICs, Air Quality Monitors, E-6-2 Extrication Equipment, E-6-3 Extrication Equipment, Portable Generators
2054	\$ 1,481,808.81	\$780,000.00	2.29	\$ 1,784,583.59	\$ (2,838,068.49)	E-6-4
2055	\$ 1,600,353.52	\$64,500.00	2.36	\$ 151,998.48	\$ (1,389,713.44)	C-6-4
2056	\$ 1,728,381.80	\$966,950.00	2.43	\$ 2,347,041.45	\$ (2,008,373.09)	AMB 6, AMB 6-2, U-6, 2 1/2" Hose, 5" 100' Hose

Regular Agenda Item 2

Purchase of a New Staff Vehicle



Hyalite Fire District

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Proposal for purchase of new staff vehicle

Purpose:

The purpose of a new staff vehicle would be to fulfill the fire district's need for additional paid staff transportation. As the fire district continues to develop and increase in population, the need for paid staff has increased to support our growing volunteer workforce. Our paid staff are required to travel throughout the fire district and neighboring districts during work hours. This travel includes training at all three Hyalite Fire District stations, general district errands, and attending mutual aid coordination meetings. This vehicle would serve as a staff vehicle for our new Training Captain.

Proposal:

The Hyalite Fire District explored the possibility of purchasing a used Gallatin County SAR truck. The board approved a purchase of the truck up to \$15,000.00. Division Chief Prato had the used truck inspected and found some mechanical repairs that would be needed. Some of the needed repairs are:

- New ball joints
- Repair an exhaust leaking which is leaking exhaust into the cab.
- New tires
- Repair an unknown electrical issue draining the batteries
- Replace air bags in the rear suspension
- Repair the body mounts of the rear utility box

The estimates to repair the truck would most likely bring the total purchase of the used truck to \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00. There would be additional costs then of setting up the vehicle for Hyalite. Staff also have concerns of additional repair cost once the truck is in service.

Given the needed repairs to the used truck and the vehicle age, staff feels the best option would be to build a new staff vehicle that would provide a more dependable and

longer life vehicle. We are asking to purchase and build a similar ½ ton truck to our command fleet. In order to keep costs down on this new vehicle we would not immediately purchase and install mobile radios in the vehicle. Radios would be purchased as budget allows in the future. Portable radios would be used until mobile radios were purchased. The district was able to move \$1,000,000.00 into our capital replacement account. Our current balance for capital replacement is \$1,064,301.

\$46,000.00 Purchase of a new ½ ton pickup truck.

\$ 5,720.00 Purchase of topper and bed slide.

\$ 2,200.00 Cost to decals to the exterior.

\$ 8,600.00 Cost to install emergency lighting and siren package.

\$ 1,300.00 Cost of an emergency vehicle center console.

\$ 1,850.00 Cost of miscellaneous items (seat covers, tablet/cell phone holder, etc)

Total project cost - \$65,670.00

Regular Agenda Item 3

Hiring of a Shift Captain



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Proposal for the Establishment of a Paid Shift Captain Position

Date: 9/9/2025

Proposal Overview

This proposal recommends the creation of a **Paid Shift Captain Position** within the Hyalite Fire District to improve consistent incident command coverage and administrative capabilities. As our department continues to grow, the need for a full-time, rotating shift, compensated command-level officer has become evident. The fire district has continued to struggle to maintain the needed number of Volunteer Incident Commanders. This position will provide incident command coverage, improve continuity of leadership, and support administrative functions.

Purpose

The primary purpose of creating a Shift Captain position is to:

- Provide improved 24/7 incident command and oversight
 - Support volunteer training and development
 - Support administrative and logistical needs within the fire district.
 - Improve interagency coordination and communication
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Justification

1. Operational Needs

The Hyalite Fire District's Incident Command position is an integral part of our response and on scene operations. For years the Fire District has relied on college aged volunteer firefighters to fulfill response needs. This model has provided committed, eager and well trained firefighters to respond to our calls. The weak point of the model is the experience level of our firefighters. In order for this model of response to work it requires the presence of an experienced Incident Commander for all calls. Currently, the Hyalite Fire District relies on Volunteer Incident Commanders to manage response and incident command seven nights a week from 7pm - 7am. Paid staff currently covers command seven days a week 7am - 7pm. For several years we have struggled to train and maintain the needed seven volunteers to provide overnight incident command coverage. Staff has worked diligently over the last several years to streamline our promotion process to bring up additional Volunteer Incident Commanders. Even with this effort we still fall short of our needed volunteers. This creates gaps in leadership availability, lack of incident command for overnight calls, and potential burnout of current paid staff. A dedicated, paid Shift Captain will improve our command coverage by working a modified 4 days on, 4 days off rotating shift. Day one and two would be 0700 - 1700. Day three and four would be 1700 - 0700. This will allow this position to fill the needed command role two nights a week. This will drop our needed seven volunteer positions to five. During the daytime when other paid staff are on duty this position will respond to calls as they occur as an Incident Commander, Driver/Operator, Crew Leader or Firefighter/EMT. Along with providing training to our on shift volunteers.

Historical data for volunteer captains

1. 2025 - 3 Volunteer Captains
2. 2024 - 4 Volunteer Captains
3. 2023 - 4 Volunteer Captains
4. 2022 - 5 Volunteer Captains
5. 2021 - 5 Volunteer Captains
6. 2020 - 4 Volunteer Captains
7. 2019 - 7 Volunteer Captains
8. 2018 - 8 Volunteer Captains
9. 2017 - 7 Volunteer Captains
10. 2016 - 8 Volunteer Captains

2. Administrative Support

The department has seen an increased burden of administrative duties including Driver/Operator training, managing volunteer shifts, logistical needs, and PPE management. The Shift Captain will assume much of this workload, allowing the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and Division Chiefs to focus on high-level leadership and policy development.

3. Training & Development

Consistent oversight of training and readiness standards is vital. The Shift Captain will serve as an additional coach for training our volunteers, ensuring compliance with state and national standards, and mentoring company officers for future leadership roles.

Position Overview

Title: Shift Captain

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, FLSA (7k) exemption

Reports To: Assistant Fire Chief

Salary: \$106,136

Primary Responsibilities:

- Serve as Incident Commander while on duty
 - Supervise on shift personnel and ensure daily operational readiness
 - Coach training with on volunteer personnel
 - Manage volunteer shift scheduling
 - Manage logistical needs of all fire stations
 - Oversee and manage the Fire District PPE.
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Financial Impact

The cost of this position will include salary, benefits, and related employment expenses.
Estimated annual cost:

- **Base Salary:** \$106,136
 - **Benefits (Health, Retirement, etc.):** \$20,262
 - **Total Estimated Cost:** \$126,398
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Implementation Timeline

Phase	Date Range	Description
Planning & Approval	[09/2025]	Finalize proposal, budget approval
Recruitment	[10/2025]	Job posting, application & interview process
Onboarding	[11/2025]	Hiring, orientation, initial assignment



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Shift Captain

GENERAL STATEMENT OF POSITION:

The Shift Captain position is a responsible operational position that oversees and coordinates on shift members of the Hyalite Fire District. The Shift Captain is responsible for responding to all emergency calls while on duty. He/she will perform the duties of a Fireground Incident Commander, Crew Leader, Firefighter, Driver Operator, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The Shift Captain position requires a great deal of managerial skill, teamwork, self-discipline, and effective decision-making abilities to ensure the fire department's readiness to respond to any type of event. The Shift Captain position is a full time, non-exempt position and works under the general supervision of the Assistant Fire Chief.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Perform all the functions of a Hyalite Rural Fire District Captain job description.
- Respond to emergency calls while on duty as a Firefighter/EMT, Driver/Operator, Crew Leader or Incident Commander.
- Responsible for safe and effective operations during structural and wildland fire suppression, rescue services, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention efforts, public education, community hazard reduction, and duties necessary to protect the life safety and property of the community.
- Assist with coaching and oversee assigned Fire District training.
- Conduct other training for members of the Fire District as directed.
- Recommend improvements to protocols to increase effectiveness and efficiency.
- Support and develop the members in a respectful and cooperative environment while maintaining good order and discipline.
- Communicate well and work cooperatively with members to monitor performance and provide regular feedback and coaching to create an effective and safe working environment.
- Assist as a public representative of the Department and respond to community questions and comments in a courteous and timely manner, exercising discretion and sound judgment.

- Perform other tasks, duties, and/or assignments as directed by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.
- Attend weekly fire department training.
- Attend monthly command training.
- Attend specialized training throughout the year when assigned.
- Attend monthly leadership meetings.
- Demonstrate continuous effort to improve operations.
- Attends community related functions.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE & ABILITIES

Knowledge:

- Supervisory, management, and leadership techniques.
- Firefighting principles, practices and procedures.
- Safe operation of fire and rescue apparatus.
- The geographical layout of Response Areas, including fill sites and hydrant locations.
- Emergency medical services.
- Vehicle rescue methods.
- Fire salvage and overhaul operations.
- Hazardous materials first responder operations.
- Natural gas and propane emergencies.
- Fire Departments' policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations.
- Incident Command Systems.

Abilities:

- Maintain managerial control under extremely stressful conditions.
- Work cooperatively and courteously with management, subordinates, the public and peers.
- Be a dependable and an effective team member.
- Effectively communicate with customers, volunteers and the public using a telephone or in a one to one or group setting.
- Understand and follow verbal and written instructions.
- Write accurate reports concerning the use and condition of apparatus, related equipment, and supplies.
- Move objects 20-50 pounds short distances (20 feet or more).
- Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- Rely on sense of sight and hearing to help determine the nature of an emergency and make operational decisions.
- Remain in a standing position or sitting position for extended periods which could be several hours at a time.
- Stand and operate on uneven and unsteady surfaces, including up, down and across severe grades on ice, snow and wet slippery surfaces.

- Work in a variety of weather conditions with exposure to the outdoor elements.
- Work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others.
- Understand apparatus limitations as related to apparatus response and fire suppression activities.
- Identify critical incident scene safety factors and address them appropriately.
- Train and instruct members in modern fire suppression, EMS, and rescue principles, practices, and procedures.
- Learn emergency service related material through structured lectures and reading and through oral instruction and observation.
- Obey and comply with all of the procedures, guidelines, rules, regulations and policies established by the Hyalite Fire District.
- Understand and operate within the Incident Command Management System.

MINIMUM REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Three years of experience in the fire service.
- Successfully pass a background check.
- Possess a valid driver's license and have a good driving record.
- Possess and maintain National Registry and State of Montana Emergency Medical Technician certification.
- Possess and maintain CPR certification.
- Possess a National Wildfire Coordinating Group Basic Wildland Firefighter certification.
- Gain and maintain a State of Montana Firefighter 1 certification.
- Gain and maintain a State of Montana Firefighter 2 certification.
- Gain a National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-215 Wildland-Urban Interface certification.
- Gain a National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-230 Engine Boss certification.
- Complete an annual physical as specified by the fire department.
- Qualify every quarter (3 months) on donning and the use of structural personal protective equipment to meet current standards.
- Qualify every quarter (3 months) on donning and use of a SCBA to meet current standards.
- Attend all training throughout the year which includes weekly training nights, monthly command training and two rescue training weekends.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 5 years of experience in the fire service.
- 3 years of leadership experience in an emergency services organization.
- Experience with wildland-urban interface fire operations.
- Experience in instructing fire, rescue and EMS service training.

Regular Agenda Item 7

Fire Chief's Report



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

September 2025

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 48 incidents in August 2025. Our year total for incidents to date is 452.

- Total August 2024 - 77
- Total August 2023 - 63
- Total August 2022 - 65
- Total August 2021 - 41
- Total August 2020 - 47

2. Our current roster is at 52 members (effective 9/1/2025).

- 1 Career Fire Chief
- 1 Career Assistant Fire Chief
- 2 Division Chiefs
- 2 Career Captains
- 2 Volunteer Captains
- 1 Volunteer Reserve Captains
- 6 Volunteer Lieutenants
- 12 Volunteer Firefighters
- 13 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
- 1 Volunteer Driver/Operators
- 1 Volunteer Reserve Firefighters
- 6 Volunteer Recruit Firefighters
- 4 Volunteer Recruit EMTs

3. We are continuing to work on our overnight command coverage shortages. We are at 2 of our needed 7 volunteer captains. We have 4 of our new captains working on shadowing command shifts currently. Myself, Assistant Chief Dahlhauser, Division Chief Malone and Division Chief Prato are continuing to work extra to provide coverage at night where we lack availability.

4. We currently have 7 resident firefighters living at the Sourdough Fire Station.

- Current Sourdough Residents -
 - Nick Blommel, Kade O'Brian, Evan Jones, Ruby Weinburg, Zach Fredach, Paige Maunu, and Zane Nordwick.
 - Sourdough resident firefighters continue to fill weekend shifts Friday 7pm –

Monday 7am.

5. We currently have 4 resident firefighters living at the Cottonwood Fire Station.

- Current Cottonwood Residents –
 - Zakkar Tusken, Jack Vincent, Colton Rue-Zindell and Allie Kuntz
- Cottonwood resident firefighters continue to fill weekday night shifts Monday – Thursday 7pm – 7am.

6. We currently have 4 residents at the Rae house.

- Current Rae Residents -
 - Kate Brownell, Tyler Palmer, Ted Yewer and Sophie Smith.

7. Non-resident volunteer firefighters continue to cover 6 hour shifts at the Sourdough Fire Station on Monday - Friday 7am – 7pm. With our current level of staffing we are able to cover 4 of our 10 day shifts with at least 2 volunteers.

8. We continue our regular multi company fire and EMS training every Wednesday night and command training twice a month. Our regular training through the month of August focused on wildland fire training.

9. Our hiring process for the Training Captain position has been completed. We have onboarded Metta Trautman for the position. Metta comes to us with experience as a Hyalite Volunteer Firefighter. Her first day was on September 7th.

10. The fire district continues to be involved with the EMS Steering Group in Gallatin County. The current work of the EMS steering group is to get an administrative board established to begin creating an interlocal agreement between public agencies providing ambulance transport, city and county governments. This would allow EMS transporting agencies to pool resources on supply ordering, EMS billing and training. I am still one of the steering committee members.

11. On August 14th, I deployed as a Division Supervisor with the Montana DNRC County Assist Team to the Summer Springs Fire outside of Custer, MT. The team was reassigned on August 15th to the Windy Rock Fire outside of Drummond, MT. I spent five days on the deployment.

12. On August 24th, we deployed Brush 6-1 and a crew as part of a Gallatin County Critical Mission Task Force to assist on the Windy Rock Fire. The crew spent 72 hours on the deployment. Our crew received very high regards to their work on the fire from multiple people.

13. On August 26th, the Hyalite Fire District responded to a wildland fire in the area of 9400 Nash Road. Mutual aid was received from our neighboring fire departments. The fire was contained to two acres. Hyalite Fire responded with 1 command, 2 brush trucks, 2 water tenders, and 1 structure engine.

14. On September 5th, we responded to a structure fire at the Hyalite Youth Camp in Hyalite Canyon. The fire was contained to a utility building and no injuries were reported. Hyalite Fire responded with 1 command, 3 engines, and 1 water tender.

15. I am still on the Board of Directors with Montana State Fire Chiefs Association as a combination section director.

16. I am still on the Montana State Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Committee.

17. I continue to sit on the board of the Gallatin County Fire Council as Vice President. I also continue to chair the Gallatin County Fire Council communications committee.

18. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser continues to chair the training and SOP committee with the Gallatin County Fire Council.

19. I am still a Gallatin County Deputy Fire Warden.

20. We had no firefighter injuries in the month of August.

21. We completed our first annual hose testing with FireCatt. This was the first time Hyalite Fire has done an official hose testing with a vendor to the NFPA standard. The result of the hose testing was 11,995 feet of hose tested. We had 2,780 feet of hose fail testing. Some of our hose was around 20 years old. We ordered new hose to replace the hose that failed in testing. Due to the amount of failed hose the replacement cost is going to be around \$16,000. We have developed a plan to annually replace hose to avoid a high failure rate again.

22. Engine 6-4 was out of service from August 27th - September 2nd for chassis engine repair.

23. All apparatus are in service.