



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Volunteer Firefighter and EMT Pension Fund Board Meeting
Riverton, WY
January 10, 2019**

A meeting of the Volunteer Firefighter and EMT Pension Fund Board was held at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Spur Restaurant in Riverton, WY.

Board members participating:

Mr. Gene Diedtrich (Chair) (Newcastle)
Mr. Lanny Applegate (Vice-Chair) (Cheyenne)
Mr. Tracy Brown (Lingle)
Mr. Kim Lee (Riverton)
Mr. Jerry Munger (Wheatland)
Mr. Eric Quinney (Evanston)

Board members absent and excused: Mr. Alan Sessions (Afton)

WRS Staff member participating:

Ms. Ruth Ryerson, Executive Director

Others in attendance:

Ken Blackburn, Big Horn County Sheriff's Office
Jeff Kehl, Riverton Fire Department
Justin Hays, Riverton Fire Department
Shad Cooper, Sublette County Fire Department
James Rietz, Platte County Fire Department

Chairman Diedtrich called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

1) Board Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2018. The Volunteer Firefighter and EMT Pension Fund minutes from September 18, 2018 were considered.

MOTION 01-10-2019 (#1): Mr. Applegate moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Munger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Board Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2018. The Volunteer Firefighter and EMT Pension Fund minutes from November 14, 2018 were considered.

MOTION 01-10-2019 (#2): Mr. Quinney moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Review of Financial Reports. The financial statements for August, September, October and November 2018 were reviewed, noting that plan assets as of November 30, 2018 totaled about \$77.6 million, a loss of \$3 million since the last meeting. Chairman Diedtrich

mentioned that WRS had received a fire insurance premium tax transfer in the amount of \$633,819 on November 27th.

MOTION 01-10-2019 (#3): Mr. Brown moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Mr. Lee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Review of Membership Reports. The membership reports as of December 31, 2018 contained the following highlights:

Active Contributing Members: 2,364

Retirees: 1,235

Survivor pensions: 255

Smallest monthly pension: \$44.88

Largest monthly pension: \$731.58

Participating Departments. The Board reviewed the participating department report, noting 118 participating agencies.

Service Purchase reports. The Board reviewed the service purchase reports for the quarter, noting there was one completed and one pending service purchase during the October - December timeframe.

Newly refunded and retired report. The Board reviewed the refunded accounts and new retirees for the October - December timeframe. There were 12 new retirements, and 4 members refunded their accounts during the period.

Deceased members by plan report. The report shows 3 retirees and survivors who passed. Mr. Quinney mentioned that Richard Salmela from Evanston Fire had recently passed, and wanted to make sure that WRS knew.

MOTION 01-10-2018 (#4): Mr. Lee moved to approve the membership reports. Mr. Quinney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Review of Pending Legislation. Ms. Ryerson provided the Board with an update on any pending legislation that might impact WRS, and asked for their support in taking the same positions as the "big Board" has. The Board agreed to assist as appropriate.

6) Review and Discussion regarding Search & Rescue proposed legislation.

Chairman Diedtrich recognized Sheriff Blackburn, who was at the meeting to address the Board about the proposed legislation and ask for their support. The Board indicated that they wouldn't be opposed to the idea if there were meeting and/or certification requirements included in the legislation, adequate additional funding was provided, departments were required to have appropriate by-laws, and we were provided an accurate count of how many members might be eligible to join the plan. The Board agreed to continue the discussion the following Tuesday at a breakfast meeting with the Sheriff, Representative Flitner and Representative Burkhart. Ms. Ryerson said that she and Dave Swindell would attend the meeting on behalf of WRS.

7) Date and Location of Next Meeting. Mr. Diedtrich proposed that the next meeting be on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Spur Restaurant in Riverton, and that the meeting after that in June be held at the Wheatland Fire Training Facility in Wheatland at noon. The rest of the Board agreed. *(note: since that time, the June 12th meeting location has been changed to the Windy Peaks Brewery in Wheatland)*

8) Adjournment. There being no further business, Chairman Diedtrich asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 01-10-2019 (#5): Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Applegate seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the Board adjourned at 8:45pm.