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RESOLUTION 2026 - 59

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE THE TRI-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to establish a fire service area, alter the boundaries, establish or change the fee schedule, etc. in accordance with Section 7-33-2401, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners created the Lakeside Fire Service Area in 1987 per Resolution 1987-70, and effectively changed the name of the fire service area to Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area in 2005 per Resolution 2005-79; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedule for the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area was established through Resolution 2009-92; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area has determined that a rate increase is needed in order for the fire service area to fund its operations at the current level of service, as shown on the board meeting minutes dated April 7, 2026, included as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners, that it establishes an increase in fees for the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area as shown below:

Taxable Value of Improvements	Fire Service Fee
$100 - $999	$150
$1,000 - $1,999	$170
$2,000 - $2,999	$190
$3,000 - $3,999	$210
$4,000 - $4,999	$230
$5,000 - $5,999	$250
$6,000 - $6,999	$270
$7,000 - $7,999	$290
$8,000 - $8,999	$310
$9,000 - $9,999	$330
$10,000 - $10,999	$350
$11,000 - $11,999	$370
$12,000 - $12,999	$390
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*Fees not to exceed $500 on residential properties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that undeveloped property be assessed a fee of $0.10/acre, not to exceed $200, per taxpayer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new fee schedule be adopted for the 2026 tax year.

DATED this 30 day of June, 2026.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tom Rolfe, Chair

ATTEST:

Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

Attachments:
Exhibit "A"

Exhibit A

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE

Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area
3200 Spokane Creek Road
East Helena, MT 59635 Phone & Fax: 406.475.3552

Trustee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026, at 7:02pm

Attendees: Bonnie Jones, Rick LePage, Glenn Henderson, Mark Meyer, Sarah Diehl, Marc Weniger (Chief)
Absent:
Public: Sam Alpert

Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Bonnie Jones, Quorum is established.

- **Public comment in accordance with 2-3-103, MCA**
  - None
- **Minutes from previous meeting(s):**
  - Provided by Glenn Henderson
  - Rick LePage made motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Diehl seconded. Minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's report:**
  - Sarah Diehl
  - Waiting on Treasurer's Report.
- **Chief's Report by Marc Weniger:**
  - Working on paging issues.
  - New 6813 in service.
  - One new member.
  - Banquet gifts - some showed up. Working on.
  - DNRC Basic Wildland Class held at Tri-Lakes.
  - Sign Trailer up and running at Station 1.
  - Thank You Cards to East Helena High and Cade and Cooper for welding work.
  - Les is working on decals for trucks.
- **Old Business:**
  - Wyoming Timberwolf Truck Update – In service. Remove from agenda.
  - Colorado Timberwolf Truck Update – Waiting on pump.
  - Sale of 6801 Update – Develop a plan for replacement. Trade in on newer vehicle.
  - Sale of 6825 spare engine – No update.
  - Sale of 6832 Update – Advertised on Brindlee Mountain Fire. Price lowered to $67,500.
  - Sale of 6834 Update – Sold. Remove from agenda.
  - Tourism Grant Update – Did not receive grant. Remove.

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- **Old Business Continued:**
  - DNRC 50/50 Grant Update – Awarded. Status on reimbursement. Radios are in, invoice will be submitted.
  - DNRC 90/10 Grant Update/Discussion – Will apply for wildland gear.

- **New Business:**
  - **Incident Reviews** – Review Unusual Medical & Fire incidents – Marc Weniger
    - Ran 8 mutual aid calls, wildland and structure. Heat lamp fire, structure fire, wildland fire and medical calls.
  - **Equipment:**
    Repairs Required: None.
    Purchases Necessary:
    - Station 2 generator. Waiting on quote.
    - Ladders for 6813 – Estimated to cost $1800 plus freight. Glenn made the motion, Rick seconded the motion. Approved.

- **General:**
  - **Subdivision Updates** –
    - None.
  - **Current Personnel Issues** –None.
  - **Fee Increase** – plan and start process of fee increase. Proposed to submit a request for a fee increase. Base taxable value starts at $100. Base rate fee to increase from $135 to $150 and increase taxable value above $1,000 from $17 to $20 per thousand dollars and to be capped at $500 for residential and leave commercial "as is" with no cap on fees. Tax undeveloped land at $.10 per acre with a cap of $200 per tax payer. Sarah made motion and Rick seconded. Approved.
  - **Inter Cap Loan** – We need to make our final draw before the end of April. Do we want to make the draw for reimbursement or close out the loan? Discussed. Sarah made the motion to draw the remaining $250,00. Rick seconded. Approved.
  - **Storage Unit Water Supply** – Power responsibility discussion. Marc to speak with owner.
  - **DOD Chassis Discussion** – Build and sell stake beds. Discussed. Decided to give away stake beds. To be removed responsibly and hauled away by taker.

- **Other New Business Not Listed:**
  - None.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Meyer at 9:17pm. Motion was seconded by Glenn Henderson and there was no public comment. Motion carried unanimously at 9:17pm.
The meeting adjourned after 2 hours and 15 minutes.

These Minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Brian M. Jones, President, TLFSA, attested this 6 day

of MAY, 2026, by Glenn M. Henderson the Secretary for

the meeting.