

Tim Love called to meeting to order at 11:37 am at Fort Missoula Historic Museum Park. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tim had everyone introduce themselves. Members present were Tom Blunn, Larry Cron, Michael and Sue Cummings, Willis Curdy, Pat Garbutt, Barry Hicks, Skip Kawalski, Tim Love, Vicky McLean, Greg Munther, Bo Nelson, Don Nelson, Mike Oliver, Jack Puckett, Dave Stack, Kim Smolt, Chuck Sundstrom, and Tim Stauffer, RO Liaison.

Tim Love asked State Senator Willis Curdy to share a few items of interest, of which one was the passage of HB 84, allows DNR to work with private land owner using prescribed fire management tools.

He share that the State Budget included \$150 million in funding for the State Fire Program. Also, he share that a loan had been approved for Missoula Economic Development for a lumber production facility for the Seeley Lake area. With Pyramid Lumber closing of their mill in Seeley Lake there is not a close facility for process timber from the State Forest.

Pat Garbutt shared an update on Probationary Employees for Land Management Agencies.

Barry Hicks passed around an obituary for Vergil Lindsey.

Mike Oliver mentioned he had information on the President's Executive Order on restructuring the national wildland firefighting system and had copies available for any one interested. The Executive Order lays out several requirements and coordination between the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, and Homeland Security. Also, the Executive Order propose the creation by 2026 of a National Wildland Fire Agency with a Chief that is responsible for all wildland fire fighting nationwide.

Michael Cummings gave the treasurer's report. April revenues were \$300 and expenses were \$300 with a net of \$0. Year to date revenues are \$2,446 and expenses are \$582 with a net increase of \$1,864. The bank balance is \$8,884.85.

Also, Michael informed the group that the new By-Laws were approved with 27 yeses and 0 nays.

Dave Stack mentioned that the 2025 Forest Service Retirees Reunion was on schedule. Also, construction on the Museum of Forest Service History is well under way and the Dick Anderson Construction has been installing the Tree Columns and other mass timber components. The Building should be enclosed by the time of the Reunion.

Vicky McLean mentioned that the spring newsletter is at the printer. She is looking for stories about early days in the Forest Service for future newsletters.

Our guest Speaker was Kim Pierson, Director of Public and Governmental Relations, Grants and Agreements, and Partnerships. She presented Tim Stauffer with a 20 years of service pin and certificate. She has been promoted to the Forest Supervisor position on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. She shared that a few RO employees had retired. She mentioned that there is still a lot of unknowns about the impacts of the Executive Orders.

The next meeting of the NRMRA is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Fort Missoula.

Respectively submitted  
Jack Walton