

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 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 October 28, 2025 Meeting Synopsis

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Volunteer Firefighters Association Report – *Standing Agenda Item*
2. Discussion and Decision – FY2025 Audit Report – Morgan Scarr, Amatics CPA Group
3. Discussion and Decision – Extending Amatics Audit Contract
4. Discussion and Decision - VFIS Renewal
5. Discussion and Decision – Accounting Fees
6. Discussion and Decision – Hiring of 3rd Party to Research Annexation
7. Discussion and Decision – Command Staff Shortfalls
8. Discussion – Replacement of Rae Fire Station – *Standing Agenda Item*
9. Fire Chief's Report
10. Trustees' Activities
11. 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.



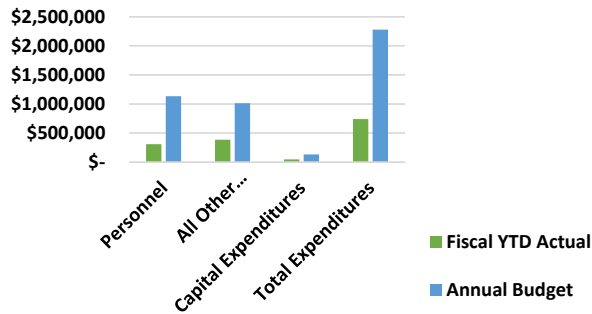
Dashboard for October 2025

At a glance...

	Current month*	Prior year		Calendar YTD
General Fund Cash Balance*	\$ 1,778,188	\$ 1,110,497	Number of Calls	372
Taxes Receivable*	\$ 2,219,021	\$ 2,230,937	Number of Volunteers	35
Accounts Payable	\$ 54,341	\$ 6,850	Number of Training Sessions	128
			Number of Training Hours	3,256

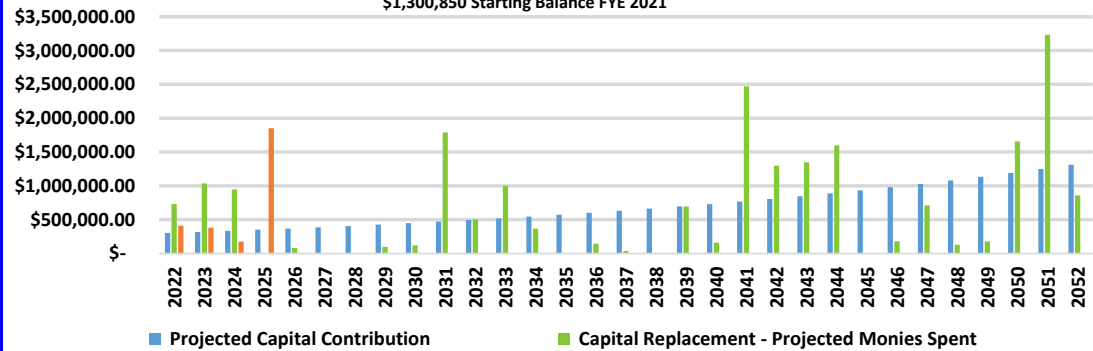
NOTE: The inconsistent nature of our cash flows dictates that we maintain a minimum cash balance of \$400,000.

Budgetary Comparisons - for year to date

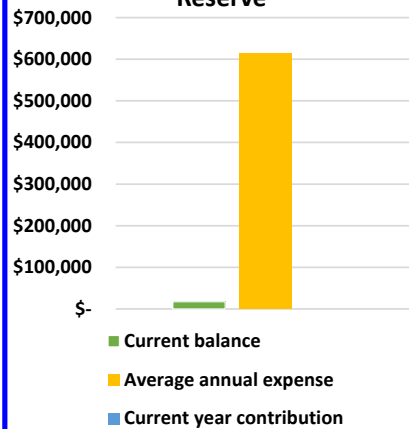


Capital Replacement Schedule

\$1,300,850 Starting Balance FYE 2021



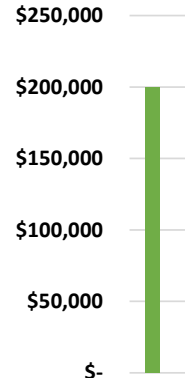
Apparatus and Equipment Reserve



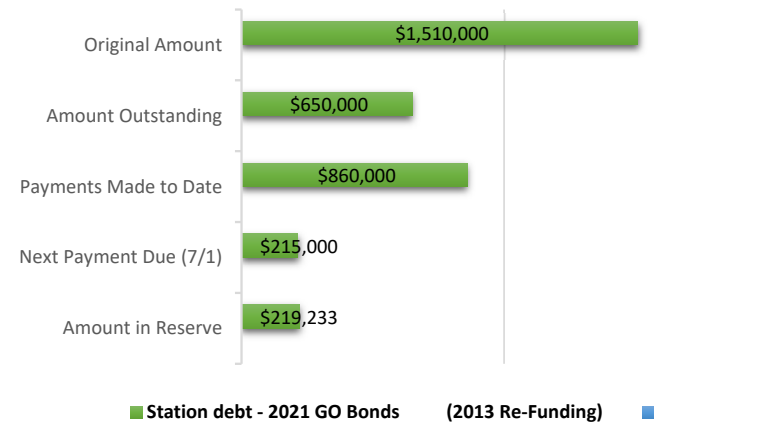
Capital Improvement Reserve



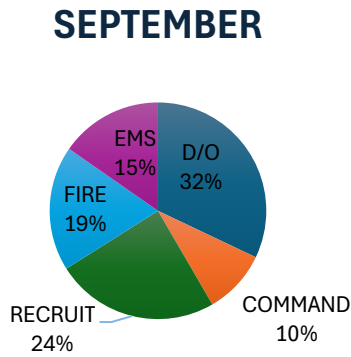
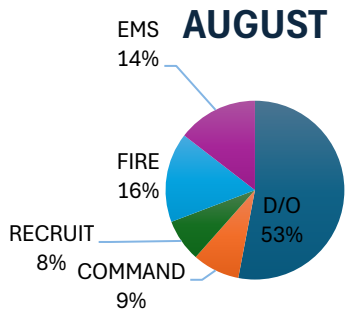
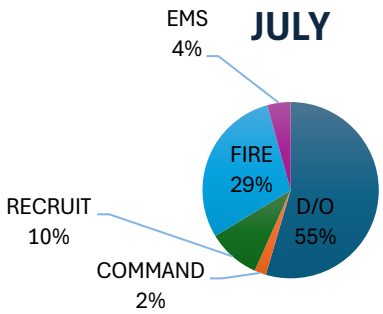
Operational Contingency Fund



Station Debt



FY 2025 Q1 TRAINING				
JULY				
TYPE OF TRAINING	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL ATTENDEES	TOTAL MAN HOURS	MAN HOURS/DAY
D/O	51	68.5	3493.5	113
COMMAND	2	17	34	1
RECRUIT	9	11	99	3
FIRE	27.5	116	3190	103
EMS	4	8	32	1
TOTAL FOR JULY	93.5	220.5	6848.5	221
AUGUST				
TYPE OF TRAINING	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL ATTENDEES	TOTAL MAN HOURS	MAN HOURS/DAY
D/O	62	82	5084	164
COMMAND	10	34	340	11
RECRUIT	9	10	90	3
FIRE	19	82	1558	50
EMS	17	32	544	18
TOTAL FOR AUGUST	117	240	7616	246
SEPTEMBER				
TYPE OF TRAINING	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL ATTENDEES	TOTAL MAN HOURS	MAN HOURS/DAY
D/O	33.5	52	1742	58
COMMAND	10	24	240	8
RECRUIT	25.5	60	1530	51
FIRE	19.5	95	1852.5	62
EMS	16	23	368	12
TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER	104.5	254	5732.5	191
Q1 TOTAL	315	714.5	20197	658



*D/O training consistently continues to be the highest percentage of training performed month to month.

*With the introduction of the recruit academy in September, we saw a decline in our ability to facilitate D/O training, yet it still held the majority percentage while the share of the other training categories remained constant.

CONSENT AGENDA

November 18, 2025

Hyalite Rural Fire District

Statement of Financial Position

As of October 31, 2025

	TOTAL	
	AS OF OCT 31, 2025	AS OF OCT 31, 2024 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	\$2,564,798	\$3,695,471
Accounts Receivable	\$8	\$1,047
Other Current Assets	\$2,417,232	\$2,430,237
Total Current Assets	\$4,982,038	\$6,126,755
Fixed Assets		
180000 Capital Assets	3,348,413	3,697,407
Total Fixed Assets	\$3,348,413	\$3,697,407
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,330,451	\$9,824,162
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$54,341	\$6,850
Credit Cards	\$0	\$6,415
Other Current Liabilities	\$95,192	\$62,170
Total Current Liabilities	\$149,533	\$75,436
Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,314,887	\$1,265,680
Total Liabilities	\$1,464,419	\$1,341,116
Equity		
241000 Unrestricted Fund Balance	2,009,440	1,265,785
241001 General fixed asset acct group	3,710,898	4,059,893
241002 General LT debt account group	(1,322,522)	(1,273,316)
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	1,582,550	1,812,175
Total Equity	\$6,866,032	\$8,483,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$8,330,451	\$9,824,162

Note

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Hyalite Rural Fire District

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

July 2025 - June 2026

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
310000 Taxes	2,202,111	2,365,436	93.00 %
315000 On-behalf payment from State		127,000	
316000 Entitlement Share	45,662	45,187	101.00 %
320000 Firefighter fundraising event	(800)	0	
350000 Ambulance Transportation	17,137	40,000	43.00 %
360000 Miscellaneous Revenues	5,570	5,000	111.00 %
365000 Contributions and Donations		1,000	
370000 Investment Earnings	29,027	80,000	36.00 %
Total Revenue	\$2,298,708	\$2,663,623	86.00 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,298,708	\$2,663,623	86.00 %
Expenditures			
420000 Public Safety Expenses	19,351	61,000	32.00 %
420100 Personnel Services	307,018	1,134,276	27.00 %
420200 Supplies	19,341	32,000	60.00 %
420220 Meals/Incentives	17,603	106,000	17.00 %
420240 Fuel	20,202	50,000	40.00 %
420310 Election Costs		7,000	
420320 Professional Subscription/Dues	22,755	21,000	108.00 %
420330 Community Outreach/Education	3,205	15,000	21.00 %
420340 Utility Services	19,360	70,000	28.00 %
420350 Professional Services	31,500	66,000	48.00 %
420390 Firefighter Physicals	3,252	27,500	12.00 %
420400 Training/Travel - Trustees		2,000	
420420 Facilities	21,316	25,000	85.00 %
420500 Insurance	31,505	90,000	35.00 %
420930 Safety Equipment	135,908	100,000	136.00 %
420940 Apparatus	40,149	120,000	33.00 %
420970 Capital outlay	46,925	132,000	36.00 %
490100 Debt Service		219,233	
669100 Other Charges		500	
Total Expenditures	\$739,390	\$2,278,509	32.00 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,559,318	\$385,114	405.00 %
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Transaction List by Vendor

October 2025

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Advanced Wastewater Specialists						
10/01/2025	Bill	23895	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016962 - INV23895	202100 Accounts Payable	1,770.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806113	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,770.00
Alaska Air						
10/05/2025	Expenditure		Yes	ALASKA A SEATTLE WA	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	24.00
Amatics						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806127	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-
10/31/2025	Bill	82928	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079591 - INV82928	202100 Accounts Payable	3,000.00
Amazon Capital Services						
10/13/2025	Bill	1RY3-GRWK-NMGV	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600674 - INV1RY3-GRWK-NMGV	202100 Accounts Payable	84.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806152	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-84.00
10/15/2025	Bill	133T-QCC4-G4FD	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311642 - INV133T-QCC4-G4FD	202100 Accounts Payable	215.40
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806168	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-215.40
BALCO						
10/01/2025	Bill	85319	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600672 - INV85319	202100 Accounts Payable	213.00
10/01/2025	Bill	85335	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600680 - INV85335	202100 Accounts Payable	124.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806150	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-337.00
10/22/2025	Bill	85389	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311643 - INV85389	202100 Accounts Payable	307.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806165	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-307.00
Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806133	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,280.41
Big Sky Fire Equipment						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806126	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,425.00
Big Sky Publishing						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806131	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-22.00
10/31/2025	Bill	102527299	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079613 - INV102527299	202100 Accounts Payable	22.00
Billion Auto Group						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Billion Dodge Chysler	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	1,005.65
BlueCross BlueShield of Montana						
10/01/2025	Bill	X6A680/10.1.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/793642498 - INVX6A680/10.1.25	202100 Accounts Payable	5,623.38
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806140	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-5,057.26
Bound Tree Medical						
10/01/2025	Bill	ACCT 201291/10-01-25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016992 - INVACCT 201291/10-01-25	202100 Accounts Payable	1,883.27
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806120	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,883.27
Brian Nickolay.						
10/01/2025	Bill	Travel Reimb 10.01.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600675 - INVTravel Reimb 10.01.25	202100 Accounts Payable	291.14
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806141	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-291.14

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CenturyLink - P.O Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ						
10/01/2025	Bill	333183121/10-01-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600678 - INV333183121/10-01-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	25.46
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806151	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-25.46
CenturyLink - PO Box 2956, Phoenix, AZ						
10/10/2025	Bill	333474739/10-10-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311648 - INV333474739/10-10-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	58.88
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806170	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-58.88
Charter Communications - Palatine IL						
10/08/2025	Bill	0431151100825	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311650 - INV0431151100825	202100 Accounts Payable	155.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806173	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-155.00
Charter Communications - Pittsburgh PA						
10/07/2025	Bill	172844901100725	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600677 - INV172844901100725	202100 Accounts Payable	301.22
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806145	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-301.22
Chevron						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CHEVRON 0207231 REDMOND OR	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	24.84
Chipotle						
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	CHIPOTLE ONLINE	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	280.20
Christensen & Prezeau, PLLP						
10/01/2025	Bill	12013	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016968 - INV12013	202100 Accounts Payable	900.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806116	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-900.00
Citi Card						
10/16/2025	Bill	3990/10-16-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816332431 - INV3990/10-16-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	13,076.19
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806175	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-13,076.19
Clearly						
10/01/2025	Bill	INV755752	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016987 - INVINV755752	202100 Accounts Payable	161.16
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806130	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-161.16
Connect Telephone and Computer Group						
10/01/2025	Bill	INV301075	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016964 - INVINV301075	202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806128	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-60.00
10/10/2025	Bill	INV301331	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600671 - INVINV301331	202100 Accounts Payable	361.20
10/15/2025	Bill	INV301344	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600676 - INVINV301344	202100 Accounts Payable	180.60
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806142	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-541.80
10/16/2025	Bill	INV301375	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311640 - INVINV301375	202100 Accounts Payable	600.00
10/22/2025	Bill	INV301408	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311644 - INVINV301408	202100 Accounts Payable	760.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806160	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,360.00
Conoco						
10/23/2025	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	2.00
Copper King Hotel & Convention Center						
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	COPPER KING HOTEL AND BUTTE MT 0846853838 4065655001 ARRIVAL 10/08/25 DEPART 10/12/25	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	483.20
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	COPPER KING HOTEL AND BUTTE MT 0846854145 4065655001 ARRIVAL 10/08/25 DEPART 10/12/25	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	483.20

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10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	COPPER KING HOTEL AND BUTTE MT 0846854545 4065655001 ARRIVAL 10/08/25 DEPART 10/12/25	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	483.20
Costco Wholesale						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	www COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	23.99
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	www COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	23.99
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	www COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	113.94
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	www COSTCO COM	210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	155.81
10/15/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Costco Whse	210575 Costco Citi Card - Templeton 8353	274.58
Delta Dental						
10/01/2025	Bill	17272-51213/10-01-25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/786135199 - INV17272-51213/10-01-25	202100 Accounts Payable	188.70
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806117	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-264.18
Dickey's Barbecue Pit						
10/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	DICKEYS.CO* SN:	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	360.56
Door Tech						
10/21/2025	Bill	251488	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311635 - INV251488	202100 Accounts Payable	180.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806174	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-180.00
ESO Solutions, Inc.						
10/26/2025	Bill	ESO-181042	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311639 - INVESO-181042	202100 Accounts Payable	1,210.59
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806172	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,210.59
Federal Express						
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	FEDEX885008364480 MEMPHIS TN	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	79.44
Fisher's Technology						
10/06/2025	Bill	1566360	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600681 - INV1566360	202100 Accounts Payable	175.39
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806146	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-175.39
FivePine Lodge						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	FIVEPINE LODGE AND CON SISTERS OR ch_3SDUU 8554667623 ARRIVAL 10/01/25 DEPART 10/01/25	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	745.80
Flying Horse Communication, Inc.						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806124	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,400.00
Foremost Promotions						
10/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	PROMOTIONS NOW	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	267.00
FURS						
10/10/2025	Check	ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-14,640.49
Gallatin County Fire Council						
10/06/2025	Bill	2025 Dues	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016985 - INV2025 Dues	202100 Accounts Payable	750.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806118	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-750.00
General Distributing Co.						
10/08/2025	Bill	0001559402	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600667 - INV0001559402	202100 Accounts Payable	73.04

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10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806153	Yes	56625	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-73.04
Google						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Google GSUITE_hyalitefire650-2530000	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	316.80
Heiman Fire Equipment						
10/22/2025	Bill	0947874-IN	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311632 - INV0947874-IN	202100 Accounts Payable	8,640.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806161	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-8,640.00
10/28/2025	Bill	0948007-IN	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079594 - INV0948007-IN	202100 Accounts Payable	204.00
Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.						
10/07/2025	Bill	630813	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600669 - INV630813	202100 Accounts Payable	475.20
10/07/2025	Bill	630812	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600670 - INV630812	202100 Accounts Payable	667.06
10/07/2025	Bill	630807	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600673 - INV630807	202100 Accounts Payable	667.06
10/07/2025	Bill	630808	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600684 - INV630808	202100 Accounts Payable	475.20
10/07/2025	Bill	630811	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600682 - INV630811	202100 Accounts Payable	475.20
10/07/2025	Bill	630809	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600687 - INV630809	202100 Accounts Payable	667.06
10/07/2025	Bill	630810	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600691 - INV630810	202100 Accounts Payable	667.06
10/07/2025	Bill	630806	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600683 - INV630806	202100 Accounts Payable	380.86
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806147	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,474.70
Hyalite Fire Volunteer Association						
10/21/2025	Bill	Donations 10.21.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311649 - INVDonations 10.21.25	202100 Accounts Payable	800.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806157	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-800.00
Industrial Comm & Elec of Bozeman						
10/08/2025	Bill	35361	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600661 - INV35361	202100 Accounts Payable	235.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806143	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-235.00
Jersey Mike's						
10/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	JERSEY MIKES ONLINE	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	97.30
Kade O'Brian						
10/20/2025	Bill	Food Reimb 10.20.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311641 - INVFood Reimb 10.20.25	202100 Accounts Payable	96.77
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806162	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-96.77
Kenyon Noble						
10/01/2025	Bill	937676	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311645 - INV937676	202100 Accounts Payable	937.66
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806121	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-411.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806166	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-937.66
L.N. Curtis and Sons						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806137	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-46,852.41
10/29/2025	Bill	INV1004628	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079605 - INVINV1004628	202100 Accounts Payable	595.10
10/29/2025	Bill	INV1004667	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079609 - INVINV1004667	202100 Accounts Payable	2,209.10
LAZ Parking						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	L28603-BZN PARCS BELGRADE MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	90.00
Malcolm Malone.						
10/11/2025	Bill	Gift Reimb 10.11.25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600665 - INVGift Reimb 10.11.25	202100 Accounts Payable	100.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment	7806149	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General	-100.00

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10/28/2025	(Check) Bill	Phone Oct-Nov 2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311627 - INVPhone Oct-Nov 2025	Fund 202100 Accounts Payable	80.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806164	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-80.00
Mastercard						
10/22/2025	Bill	4865/10-22-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816323164 - INV4865/10-22-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	519.27
10/22/2025	Bill	4857/10-22-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816323163 - INV4857/10-22-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	2,508.15
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806171	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-3,027.42
MCDONALD'S						
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	MCDONALD'S F7593 BUTTE MT	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	6.00
MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806125	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,856.72
10/15/2025	Bill	IN2359168	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311638 - INVIN2359168	202100 Accounts Payable	3,761.22
10/15/2025	Bill	IN2359458	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311636 - INVIN2359458	202100 Accounts Payable	810.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806176	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,571.22
Metta Trautmann						
10/01/2025	Bill	Food Reimb Oct2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016989 - INVFood Reimb Oct2025	202100 Accounts Payable	413.61
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806129	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-413.61
Montana Crane Service						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Montana Crane Service	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	630.00
Montana Dept. of Revenue						
10/10/2025	Check	FIB ePay	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,327.00
Montana Firemen's Association						
10/10/2025	Check	7806139	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-597.76
Montana Occupational Health						
10/06/2025	Bill	20712	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600663 - INV20712	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/06/2025	Bill	20711	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600662 - INV20711	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806132	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-648.00
10/07/2025	Bill	20735	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600658 - INV20735	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/07/2025	Bill	20737	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600660 - INV20737	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/07/2025	Bill	20734	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600666 - INV20734	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806148	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,080.00
10/17/2025	Bill	20759	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311626 - INV20759	202100 Accounts Payable	216.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806163	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-216.00
Montana State Fund						
10/01/2025	Bill	20402261	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016971 - INV20402261	202100 Accounts Payable	5,545.83
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806134	Yes	03-134600-0	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-5,545.83
NAPA Auto Parts						
10/01/2025	Bill	12342/09-30-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600686 - INV12342/09-30-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	250.65
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806154	Yes	12342	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-250.65
Northwestern Energy						

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10/09/2025	Bill	3252724-4/10-09-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600679 - INV3252724-4/10-09-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	114.69
10/09/2025	Bill	0180737-9/10-09-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600685 - INV0180737-9/10-09-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	155.25
10/09/2025	Bill	1196979-7/10-09-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600689 - INV1196979-7/10-09-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	704.42
10/09/2025	Bill	3091809-8/10-09-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600688 - INV3091809-8/10-09-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	556.94
10/10/2025	Bill	0180089-5/10-10-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/809600690 - INV0180089-5/10-10-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	75.13
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806144	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,606.43
Owenhouse-Ace Hardware						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806123	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-548.86
10/27/2025	Bill	191619/10-27-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311651 - INV191619/10-27-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	216.31
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806167	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-216.31
Papa Johns						
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	PAPA JOHN'S 2792 BOZEMAN MT	210605 First Interstate Bank - Dahlhauser 4865	110.15
People Facts						
10/01/2025	Bill	2025090556	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016973 - INV2025090556	202100 Accounts Payable	607.82
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806135	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-607.82
PERS						
10/10/2025	Check	ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-454.32
Pinion						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806122	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,960.00
10/31/2025	Bill	PN117616	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079581 - INVPN117616	202100 Accounts Payable	2,750.00
Pintler Billing Services						
10/01/2025	Expenditure	2357	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016958 - INV2357	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-500.00
10/29/2025	Expenditure	2407	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079586 - INV2407	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-500.00
Qdoba Mexican Eats						
10/07/2025	Expenditure		Yes	QDOBA 2817 OLO	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	122.20
RAE Water						
10/22/2025	Bill	GH5370-00/10.2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311630 - INVGH5370-00/10.2025	202100 Accounts Payable	47.04
10/22/2025	Bill	FIRE-00/10.2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311634 - INVFIRE-00/10.2025	202100 Accounts Payable	89.25
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806177	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-136.29
Red Rock Adventure Room						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	RED ROCK ADV ROOM	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	270.07
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	RED ROCK ADV ROOM	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	270.07
Republic Services						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806114	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-586.26
10/31/2025	Bill	0886-002109812	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079587 - INV0886-002109812	202100 Accounts Payable	95.38
10/31/2025	Bill	0886-002110750	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079590 - INV0886-002110750	202100 Accounts Payable	166.92

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10/31/2025	Bill	0886-002106481	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079593 - INV0886-002106481	202100 Accounts Payable	183.11
Ressler Motor Company						
10/30/2025	Bill	Deal # 192750	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/819731201 - INVDeal # 192750	202100 Accounts Payable	46,925.00
Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806115	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-6,651.00
10/31/2025	Bill	410045/10-31-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079612 - INV410045/10-31-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	2,704.44
Rosas Pizza						
10/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	ROSAS PIZZA	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	301.00
Simple Texting LLC						
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SIMPLETEXTING LLC	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	1.32
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SIMPLETEXTING LLC	210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	34.65
Sisters Coffee						
10/01/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SQ *SISTERS COFFEE COM Sisters OR	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	35.10
Spectrum						
10/15/2025	Bill	8313200120380424Oct25	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311637 - INV8313200120380424Oct25	202100 Accounts Payable	54.52
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806159	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-54.52
Staples						
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	STAPLES 00104695 BOZEMAN MT	210605 First Interstate Bank - Dahlhauser 4865	103.84
Starbucks						
10/03/2025	Expenditure		Yes	STARBUCKS CONC D SEA SEATTLE WA	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	11.43
Super Vacuum Manufacturing						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Super Vac	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	87.00
SurveyMonkey						
10/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SURVEYMONK* T 47188793 WWW.SURVEYMONCA	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	468.00
Taylor's Tins						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	SP Taylorstins	210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	32.00
The Montana Club						
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	DD *THEMONTANACLUB SAN FRANCISCO CA	210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	41.94
TIRE-RAMA						
10/15/2025	Bill	504 - 25676	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311633 - INV504 - 25676	202100 Accounts Payable	107.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806169	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-107.00
Town & Country Foods - Field St						
10/01/2025	Bill	5863770/10-01-2025	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016982 - INV5863770/10-01-2025	202100 Accounts Payable	44.27
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806119	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-44.27

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Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806138	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-914.02
Town Pump						
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6-1	210100 Conoco	80.72
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6-1	210100 Conoco	62.28
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6-1	210100 Conoco	68.28
10/02/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C6-5	210100 Conoco	20.65
10/05/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6	210100 Conoco	79.17
10/05/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E-6	210100 Conoco	8.32
10/06/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E-6-1	210100 Conoco	8.64
10/06/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E-6-1	210100 Conoco	16.08
10/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C6-3	210100 Conoco	57.55
10/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E-6	210100 Conoco	37.12
10/10/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C6-5	210100 Conoco	33.33
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E6-2	210100 Conoco	11.65
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump E6-2	210100 Conoco	22.98
10/12/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C6-6	210100 Conoco	56.06
10/13/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6-2	210100 Conoco	61.61
10/14/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C-6-3	210100 Conoco	46.54
10/19/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump C6-6	210100 Conoco	39.85
10/20/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump AMB 6	210100 Conoco	44.06
10/22/2025	Expenditure		Yes	Town Pump WT6	210100 Conoco	25.45
Unemployment Insurance Division						
10/31/2025	Check	7806155	Yes	Voided	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	0.00
10/31/2025	Check	7806156	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-418.82
United States Treasury						
10/10/2025	Check	FIB ePay	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-8,207.28
USPS						
10/08/2025	Expenditure		Yes	USPS.COM CLICKNSHIP	210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	8.40
Verizon						
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806136	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,036.24
10/23/2025	Bill	6126791932	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079625 - INV6126791932	202100 Accounts Payable	713.38
VFIS						
10/30/2025	Bill	132839133	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/824079597 - INV132839133	202100 Accounts Payable	94.08
Wex Bank						
10/23/2025	Bill	108099726	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/816311655 - INV108099726	202100 Accounts Payable	1,386.46
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806158	Yes	0203-00-109722-9	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,386.46

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100000	Cash/Investments					
101000	General Fund					
10/01/2025	Expenditure	2357	Pintler Billing Services	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/805016958 - INV2357		-500.00
				Medical billing for September 2025		500.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806113	Advanced Wastewater Specialists			-1,770.00
						-1,770.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806114	Republic Services			-586.26
						-586.26
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806115	Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.			-6,651.00
						-6,651.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806116	Christensen & Prezeau, PLLP			-900.00
						-900.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806117	Delta Dental			-264.18
						-264.18
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806118	Gallatin County Fire Council			-750.00
						-750.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806119	Town & Country Foods - Field St			-44.27
						-44.27
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806120	Bound Tree Medical			-1,883.27
						-1,883.27
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806121	Kenyon Noble			-411.00
						-411.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806122	Pinion			-4,960.00
						-4,960.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806123	Owenhouse-Ace Hardware			-548.86
						-548.86
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806124	Flying Horse Communication, Inc.			-1,400.00
						-1,400.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806125	MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC			-2,856.72
						-2,856.72
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806126	Big Sky Fire Equipment			-1,425.00
						-1,425.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806127	Amatics			-11,000.00
						-11,000.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806128	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-60.00
						-60.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806129	Metta Trautmann			-413.61
						-413.61
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806130	Clearly			-161.16
						-161.16
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806131	Big Sky Publishing			-22.00
						-22.00

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10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806132	Montana Occupational Health			-648.00 -648.00
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806133	Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.			-1,280.41 -1,280.41
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806134	Montana State Fund	03-134600-0		-5,545.83 -5,545.83
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806135	People Facts			-607.82 -607.82
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806136	Verizon			-2,036.24 -2,036.24
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806137	L.N. Curtis and Sons			-46,852.41 -46,852.41
10/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806138	Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.			-914.02 -914.02
10/10/2025	Check	ERIC	FURS			-14,640.49 -6,251.13 -8,389.36
10/10/2025	Check	ERIC	PERS			-454.32 -211.50 -242.82
10/10/2025	Check	7806139	Montana Firemen's Association			-597.76 -597.76
10/10/2025	Check	FIB ePay	United States Treasury			-8,207.28 -6,432.00 -887.64 -887.64
10/10/2025	Check	FIB ePay	Montana Dept. of Revenue			-2,327.00 -2,327.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806140	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana			-5,057.26 -5,057.26
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806141	Brian Nickolay.			-291.14 -291.14
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806142	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-541.80 -541.80
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806143	Industrial Comm & Elec of Bozeman			-235.00 -235.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806144	Northwestern Energy			-1,606.43 -1,606.43
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806145	Charter Communications - Pittsburgh PA	8313200110672244		-301.22 -301.22
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806146	Fisher's Technology			-175.39 -175.39
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806147	Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.			-4,474.70

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						-4,474.70
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806148	Montana Occupational Health			-1,080.00
						-1,080.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806149	Malcolm Malone.			-100.00
						-100.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806150	BALCO			-337.00
						-337.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806151	CenturyLink - P.O Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ			-25.46
						-25.46
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806152	Amazon Capital Services			-84.00
						-84.00
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806153	General Distributing Co.	56625		-73.04
						-73.04
10/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806154	NAPA Auto Parts	12342		-250.65
						-250.65
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806157	Hyalite Fire Volunteer Association			-800.00
						-800.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806158	Wex Bank	0203-00-109722-9		-1,386.46
						-1,386.46
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806159	Spectrum			-54.52
						-54.52
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806160	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-1,360.00
						-1,360.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806161	Heiman Fire Equipment			-8,640.00
						-8,640.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806162	Kade O'Brian			-96.77
						-96.77
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806163	Montana Occupational Health			-216.00
						-216.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806164	Malcolm Malone.			-80.00
						-80.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806165	BALCO			-307.00
						-307.00
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806166	Kenyon Noble			-937.66
						-937.66
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806167	Owenhouse-Ace Hardware			-216.31
						-216.31
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806168	Amazon Capital Services			-215.40
						-215.40
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806169	TIRE-RAMA			-107.00
						-107.00

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10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806170	CenturyLink - PO Box 2956, Phoenix, AZ			-58.88
						-58.88
10/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	7806171	Mastercard			-3,027.42
						-3,027.42
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						418.82

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

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 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
Walt Zidack
Jason Jarrett
Ken Beideman

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Nickolay, Fire Chief
Sheryl Wyman, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Hindoién-Rocky Mountain Insurance Services
Luke Hindoién-Rocky Mountain Insurance Services
Allie Kuntz-President, Volunteer Firefighter Association
Kade O'Brian-Representative, Volunteer Firefighter Association

0:00:00	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 Jarrett moves to approve consent agenda as presented Trustee Zidack seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Zidack-Yes; Beideman-Yes; Miller-Yes. Unanimous approval.
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	<i>[See September 23, 2025 Board Packet for Consent Agenda items Approved]</i>
	REGULAR AGENDA
0:00:27	<p>Agenda Item 1 – Hyalite Volunteer Firefighters Association Report</p> <p>Allie Kuntz, President of the volunteer association. The Association has been busy planning on making improvements on the gym. A survey was sent out to all active members and 100% response was received. Over 75% of the volunteers utilize the gym so this is an important area they are working to improve.</p> <p>They are also working on Night with Santa which is scheduled for December 10th. Trustee Beideman state the fire station by their house will be holding a pancake breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Clause in December.</p>
0:02:59	<p>Agenda Item 2 – Swearing in of 2024 Fall Academy Firefighters</p> <p>Chief Nickolay apologizes to this group as they completed their firefighter academy in the Fall of 2024 but out of oversight they were not inducted in the Fall. The following firefighters introduced themselves and were sworn in: Ruby Weinberg, Zachary Fredach, Jake TeSelle, and Cole Fahey. Chief Nickolay administers the oath to the firefighters. The firefighters were then pinned with their badges.</p>
0:08:28	<p>Agenda Item 3 – Discussion and Decision – FY2025 Audit Report – Morgan Scarr, Amatics CPA Group</p> <p>Chief Nickolay explains the audit is close to being completed. We are waiting on information from the County and Pinion. This item will be tabled until the November meeting.</p>
0:08:55	<p>Agenda Item 4 – Discussion – VFIS Renewal</p> <p>Our VFIS policy is coming up for renewal. We are changing up our policy slightly by adding family member assistance program which is a tele health program for mental health services. This would be an additional cost of \$11.76/per firefighter/year. This will be started immediately but be included in the new policy as well.</p> <p>Chris Hindoiien who is the VFIS representative for Montana provides more information regarding the program. Any member of the household of the firefighter along with the trustees can participate in this program. There are approximately 70 fire departments who participate in this program. Beneficiary cards will need to be completed and current. They would like to take over our policy from Marsh McLennan to provide more localized service.</p> <p>This will be put on the agenda for next month. Trustee Zidack would like to hear from our current policy holder.</p>

0:16:14	<p>Agenda Item 5 – Discussion – Accounting Fees</p> <p>Discussions for past meetings have been held regarding our current accountant and looking at other options. We were recently notified that starting January 1 Pinion will no longer do our payroll. Even if we do not move on from our current accounting firm, we would still need to find another firm to handle our payroll. We as staff feel we shouldn't stay with one company that will not handle our payroll.</p> <p>Staff has researched other options in the State. We talked with one firm in Columbus who handles other fire departments in the State. They can handle our accounting and payroll for approximately \$14,000-\$15,000/year. We will need to make a decision prior to January 1st. This will be added as an agenda item for decision on the next agenda.</p> <p>Trustee Zidack makes comments and suggests we start looking at other alternatives. Trustee Jarrett requests staff provide bids for next month to make a decision. Trustee Zidack makes comments.</p>
0:27:45	<p>Agenda Item 6 – Discussion – Hiring of 3rd Party to Research Annexation</p> <p>Pete has requested this item and unfortunately not at the meeting. Discussions held with Pete and the changing demographic with Bozeman and our area. Utilizing a third party would be to develop a strategic plan for the fire district. This could be incorporated as part of our strategic plan. The cost for something like this would cost between \$25,000 - \$30,000.</p> <p>Trustee Zidack wonders if we explore this further how does this contribute to our mission and overall plan given the cost. Chief states any consultant would evaluate us based on standards and if we are compliant with NFPA1720 and if we are missing areas give recommendations on how to get compliant.</p> <p>Trustee Jarrett makes comments. He thought the desire was to look at circumstances at Fort Ellis and circumstances at Hyalite and to see what would need to be done to accomplish a merger between the two.</p> <p>This item will be tabled until the next meeting.</p>
0:34:38	<p>Agenda Item 7 – Discussion – Fort Ellis Interlocal Agreement</p> <p>Trustee Beideman and Chief Nickolay met with a member of the Fort Ellis board. Trustee Beideman makes comments. Chief Nickolay states they are starting with the need for a fire chief and then will look at other options for the fire department.</p> <p>The Chief feels this item can be taken off the agenda. We will table until the next meeting to discuss with Trustee Geddes and get his input on moving forward.</p> <p>This item will be tabled until the next meeting.</p>

0:39:20	<p>Agenda Item 8 – Discussion – Command Staff Shortfalls</p> <p>Chief Nickolay is still working on covering staff shortfalls. He has had several discussions with the paid staff and volunteers. The feeling of the paid shift is it is a burden to work a 40-hour week plus a 12-hour shift. The feeling is if this is the plan going forward, they would like to see an adjustment of the daytime hours. From a volunteer standpoint they would like to continue seeing the shift work. Not covering a shift with command had many concerns by the volunteers and staff alike. We will continue to lose command volunteers through graduation and job opportunities.</p> <p>Discussion is held by the board members and Chief. The Chief is looking at other options for training and roles. Staff is concerned about how reducing hours in the daytime would impact interactions with the volunteers and for Colin, keeping up with the maintenance. Discussion is held regarding the schedules and who is covering the evening shifts. There are two fully qualified volunteers, one is close and being shadowed and three are close. Each of the paid staff are taking a night shift. The Chief is worried about burn out for the staff. His request is to either hire another full-time position or work with the schedule to bring a better work/life quality to the staff. His preference is to hire another full-time person to help cover staff which wouldn't affect the daytime schedule for staff. Discussion is held by the board and request more information on staffs' feelings of schedule options. Trustee Zidack talks about the costs/benefits of hiring another position as well as how additional monies for shift coverage. Chair Miller feels keeping good people is very important.</p> <p>The board would like the Chief to work on figuring out more schedules for the staff and provide more data. This item will be tabled to next month.</p>
1:19:58	<p>Agenda Item 9 - Discussion – Replacement of Rae Fire Station – <i>Standing Agenda Item</i></p> <p>The Chief did not make the Hyalite Foothills HOA meeting. He asks the board if they would like to see more promotional items for the new station. Flying Horse is willing to provide assistance in marketing. Discussion is held regarding sending something out digitally.</p> <p>The Volunteer Association will be handing out candy at Halloween.</p> <p>A press release will be reviewed and sent out to the media.</p>
1:23:29	<p>Agenda Item 10 – Fire Chief's Report</p> <p>The Chief goes over his report. We have lieutenant classes ongoing with eight volunteers attending the training. Staff has been attending several conferences. Malone and Templeton have been working on the Rescue Taskforce model.</p> <p>Volunteer Firefighters O'Brian and Ness worked hard on visiting with schools during Fire Education week.</p>

	<p>The diesel fuel vault has been replaced at the Cottonwood station. Prato worked with Rocky Mountain Supply on the installation. Questions are asked by the board.</p> <p><i>[See Fire Chief's Report-Attachment A]</i></p>
1:28:16	<p>Trustees' Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
1:28:30	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2025.
1:29:15	<p>Adjournment</p>



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

October 2025

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 62 incidents in September 2025. Our year total for incidents to date is 514.

- Total September 2024 - 45
- Total September 2023 - 65
- Total September 2022 - 57
- Total September 2021 - 43
- Total September 2020 - 62

2. Our current roster is at 50 members (effective 10/1/2025).

- 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
- 12 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
- 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 September focused on fighting attic fires.
9. We have begun our lieutenant training for 2025. We have 8 of our current firefighters going through the program. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser and Division Chief Malone are providing the training. The training program will run through November and December.
10. I attended the Western Fire Chiefs Association FORCE conference in Sisters, Oregon September 28th - October 1st. This is a leadership summit for chief officers. The training was funded by the Montana State Fire Chief Association.
11. Myself, Assistant Chief Dahlhauser, and Captain Templeton attended the 2025 Montana Fire Convention in Butte. The convention was October 8th - October 12th.
12. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser and Division Chief Malone have been working hard on establishing and providing training for our county rescue task force model. Our volunteers have been participating in this training as well.
13. Several of our volunteers put in time to visit schools for Fire Prevention Week which was October 5th - October 11th. Kade O'Brian and Alexi Ness put in a large amount of time organizing and scheduling visits to our schools.
14. The open burning closure for the fire district was lifted on October 4th. Open burning season will end on November 30th and reopen March 1st.
15. The fire district continues to be involved with the EMS Steering Group in Gallatin County. I am still one of the steering committee members.

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

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

18. 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.

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

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

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

22. We have replaced our diesel fuel vault at the Cottonwood Fire Station. The old vault was donated to the fire district over 15 years ago from the airport. The old vault was deteriorating in conditions and was over 30 years old. Division Chief Prato worked with Rocky Mountain Supply to get us the new vault.

23. All apparatus are in service.

Consent Agenda End

Regular Agenda Item 4

VFIS Renewal



PROPERTY – CASUALTY – SURETY – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

November 7, 2025

To: Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees
Justin Miller, Chair
4341 S 3rd Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Re: Hyalite Rural Fire District VFIS Package Representation

Dear Chair Miller and Trustees,

On behalf of Rocky Mountain Insurance Services, the VFIS Marketing Coordinator for the State of Montana, I wish to "Thank You" for your time and the opportunity to present ourselves to your entity. We appreciate your time.

As Hyalite RFD heads into its renewal term beginning on January 1, 2026, we would like to let you know what you may expect from VFIS as far as rates are concerned, and what you may expect from RMIS, should you choose to sign the Broker of Record letters we left after the last meeting.

VFIS rates, through 2025 have remained static on the property side of things, and your policy currently contains the Guaranteed Replacement Cost for your buildings, meaning their values will automatically increase by 4%, and your associated Property Premium will increase slightly as well.

As mentioned, we feel that your entity is currently overly insured on Building Contents, and it would be our recommendation to lower your Building Contents to a Blanket Value of \$160,000 spread across all your locations. This would provide for the maximum amount of coverage, with the least impact on your premium. This would be a reduction of Building Contents of \$470,903 from your current policy. This is a savings in premium here, as all fire related equipment and inventory are considered covered under your Portable Equipment policy at each location. This is where the coverage should fall as it is specific for Fire/EMS equipment.

On your Commercial Auto policy, you are currently only carrying \$1000 Med Pay coverage which falls below the national average of \$5000. Is this significant, only in that if you were having a situation where a non-fire member was on a unit and fell and got injured, say during an "Open House" or Santa Christmas Visit, that injured individual would only have access to the \$1000 before it would default to the Liability Policy, which would show on a claim, where the Med Pay is good faith based, and does not potentially have an adverse effect on your rates going forward.

Your Uninsured and Under-Insured Motorist coverage is currently at \$500,000 CSL. You are the only District we have seen with limits that do not mirror that of your underlying Auto Coverage of \$1,000,000 CSL. This too would be a change we would like to see happen, and it would be a minor increase to your premium, approximately \$250 annually.

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PROPERTY – CASUALTY – SURETY – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

These are a few minor adjustments we feel would benefit your entity from a coverage standpoint, and overall should see a reduction the overall premium, while the associated Commercial Auto premium may see a slight increase to account for the higher level of coverage now afforded to the Hyalite Rural Fire District.

The rates that VFIS files with the State of Montana Commissioner of Insurance office, are the same for each client and are not subject to different rates for different agencies or agents. From an overarching standpoint, there would be no adverse change to your policy by switching agencies to have RMIS manage it going forward.

What changing to RMIS brings to Hyalite Rural Fire District is the knowledge of knowing your policies are now being managed by an agency that specializes in the Fire and EMS Industry in Montana. The supporting documents will indicate our commitment to Fire Service in Montana, today and into the future. I am committed to seeing our agency and our agents succeed now and in the future. We provide a commitment to our clients to be available 24/7 – 365 to help with claims or questions. Fires, accidents, claims and other adverse situations do not limit themselves to happening only between the hours of 8-5, Monday through Friday, and not happening on State or Federal Holidays. No client should have to wait 48 hours to report a claim, especially a significant one with bodily harm or other catastrophic outcome.

We know that our model of operations does not fit the current working standard of today, but that is what sets us apart. As a family owned and operated entity, your entity, Hyalite Rural Fire District, becomes one of us, one of our members who will never face a claim alone, or have unanswered questions while waiting for someone to return your call when they get back in the office on Monday.

We grow as our clients grow. Service, mindfulness, and a direct line to the carrier, VFIS, in York, Pennsylvania, means your entity is the priority, not a corporate bottom line. It is our honor to represent those who answer the page and respond to incidents most normal people flee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Hindoien – Partner
Rocky Mountain Insurance Services, LLC

VFIS in Montana

A comparison of Agencies across the Big Sky and who manages their products and services.

Volunteer Fire Insurance Services, VFIS, is the largest writer of Emergency Services, Fire Services, Combination Services and Career Services across the United States. This holds true here in Montana, with 493 policies currently on books within our state covering 292 Fire, Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Ambulance, and Search and Rescue Districts. VFIS operates through the Independent Insurance Agencies across the United States using a system of Regional Directors or, as in the case of Montana, a Marketing Coordinator to oversee their products in the individual states.

Rocky Mountain Insurance Services is Montana owned and operated out of Choteau, Montana, and is the lead agency for VFIS in Montana, with Chris Hindoi, a partner in that agency, as the Marketing Coordinator for the state. RMIS has been with VFIS since 2016 after taking over from Tom Wood who was the Marketing Coordinator for the previous ten (10) plus years. Chris brings to VFIS 26 years of insurance experience that our clients can lean on when it comes to our products, training, education, consulting, claims, and other information to make your VFIS experience as simple as possible. RMIS has over thirty-four (34) combined years of experience in working with Special Districts in Montana and has clients in all fifty-six (56) counties of Montana.

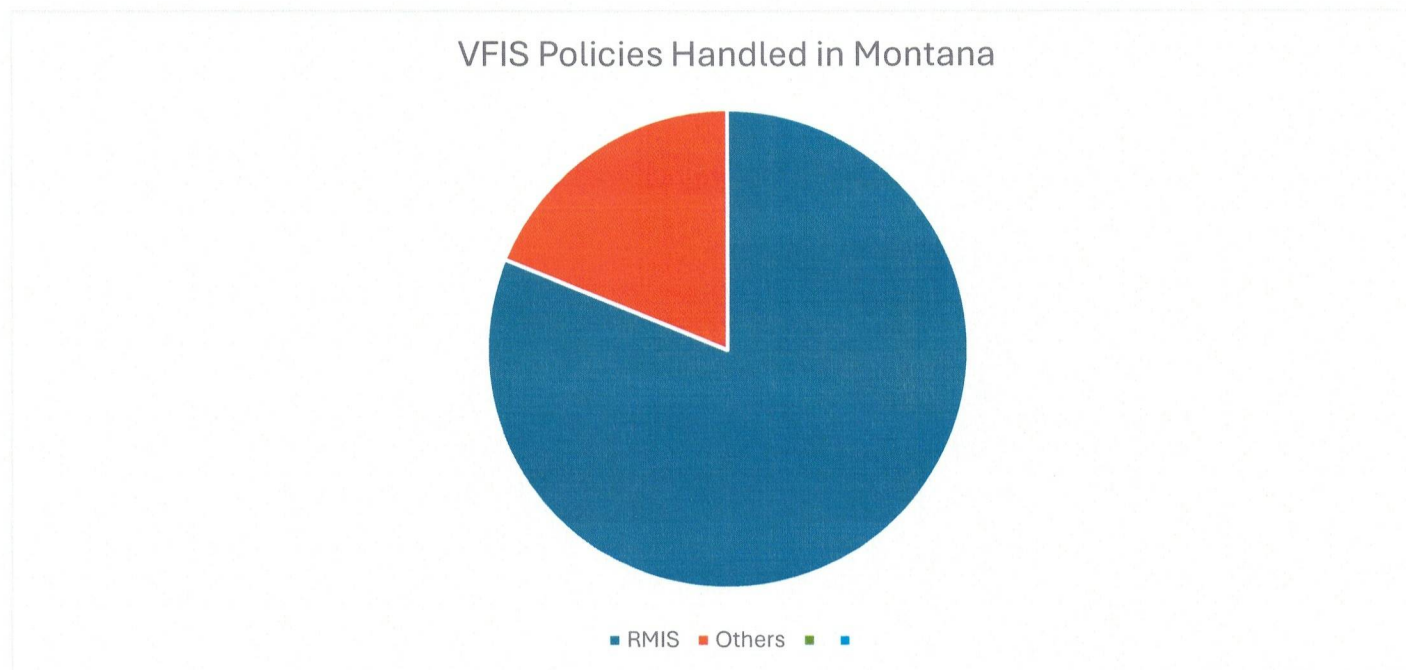
Fire Districts, Departments, Service Areas, are all unique and have specific requirements for insurance here in Montana to meet statutory compliance requirements. The standard insurance policy does not fit the needs of the Fire and EMS world when it comes to being a Special District within the State of Montana. You will find that Chris, Dustin, and Tammy at RMIS have set aside other lines of business to focus on the Special Districts of Montana, and their needs. The commitment to your type of insurance and your type of risk makes them the leader in Montana when it comes to VFIS and their products.

Let us dive into the numbers and let them show you exactly what we mean when we say RMIS is the leader in Montana for all your Special District Insurance needs. This breakdown is for the VFIS policies in Montana and does not include any of the Montana State Fund Workers Compensation policies that are in the books in conjunction with the clients. Secondly, this does not include the additional Special Districts that are not Fire, EMS or other Emergency Services related here in Montana as they too follow the same MCA for insurance needs and requirements.

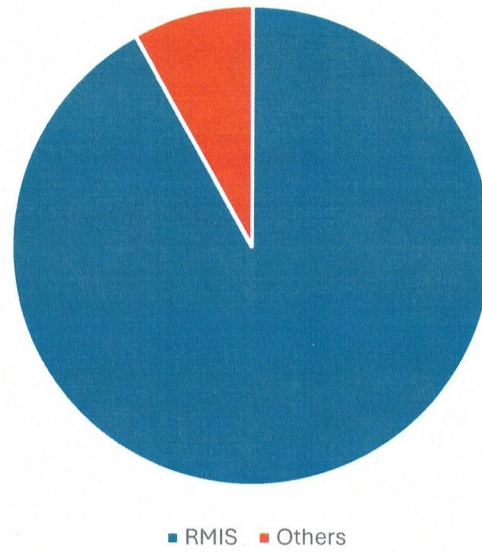
M.C.A. 2-9-108 dictates your insurance needs and requirements at a minimum. We have attached a copy of this as well.

Why choose RMIS?

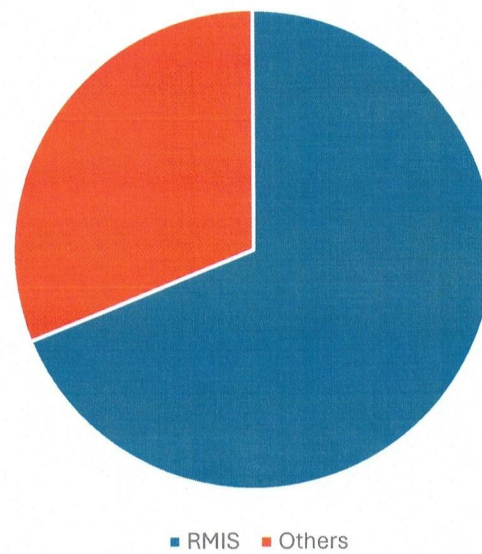
As mentioned above, there are 292 VFIS clients in Montana, and RMIS manages all or part of the insurance products for 244 of them or 82%.



Policy Type - Accident & Sickness (A&S)



Type of Policies - Package



The second largest producer for VFIS in Montana is Marsh McLennan Agency managing seventeen (17) clients with a combined thirty-two (32) policies. There are currently 31 Brokers in Montana with three or less policies.

The rapid rise in mental health issues within the fire and EMS workforce is staggering. The Accident and Sickness plans offered through VFIS can now add a Member Family Assistance Program with 24/7 – 365 telephone access to a counselor or other support member for not only your firefighters, but anyone in their household. This coverage extends to the Trustees and Administrative staff as well. This add-on is only \$11.76 per firefighter annually or .98 cents a month. This is one of the fastest growing benefits of our A&S policy.

RMIS currently has two VFIS Certified EVDT Classroom Trainers to come in and put on a Train the Trainer Seminar that would then give your staff the ability to provide that training within your department. We can bring in any of the VFIS Education, Training and Consulting Staff to collaborate with you, your department personnel, and your Trustees to make sure you are maximizing your VFIS products and services.

We hope that you will reach out to some of the other Fire Districts and clients of both VFIS and RMIS to see why they chose us as their agency to manage their risks. We currently handle most all of Gallatin County Fire Districts and FSAs, as well as Gallatin Conservation District, Spain-Ferris Ditch, Gallatin County Search & Rescue to name a few.

Thank you for your time and consideration, regardless of your decision, RMIS will be here to answer and assist you with any of your VFIS questions or needs.

V/R

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Hindoi, Marketing Coordinator

VFIS of Montana

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Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act, which is a crime, and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.

Alabama	Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution, fines, or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.
Arkansas	Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.
California	For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent information to obtain or amend insurance coverage or to make a claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.
Colorado	It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.
District Of Columbia	WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.
Florida	Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.
Kansas	Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud, presents, causes to be presented or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to or by an insurer, purported insurer, broker or any agent thereof, any written, electronic, electronic impulse, facsimile, magnetic, oral, or telephonic communication or statement as part of, or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of an insurance policy for personal or commercial insurance, or a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy for commercial or personal insurance that such person knows to contain materially false information concerning any fact material thereto; or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act.
Kentucky	Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.
Louisiana	Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.
Maine	It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines or a denial of insurance benefits.
Maryland	Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.
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New York	Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.
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Your signature below acknowledges that you have read the Fraud Warning Notice that applies to your state of domicile.

The undersigned is an authorized representative of the applicant and certifies the information provided to obtain this coverage is accurate to the best of their knowledge; this includes any applications, locations schedules, valuation statements, loss history information and engineering reports.

X Applicant's signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Agent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____

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Please be advised that I wish to designate Chris Hindoien of Rocky Mountain Insurance Services
PO Box 9810, Helena, MT 59604-9810 to be my Producer of Record for:

Hyalite Rural Fire District / Hyalite Fire Department

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(Policyholder Name)

I authorize Montana State Fund to provide information and process requests for changes concerning my policy to the above designated producer of record.

By signing this letter, I am terminating the Producer of Record relationship with my current producer/agent, (if any), as it applies to workers' compensation insurance and establishing a Producer of Record relationship with the producer/agent who is presenting this letter to you.

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(Title)

Regular Agenda Item 1

Accounting Fees

Purpose: To provide the Board of Trustees with the Hyalite Rural Fire District the information needed to determine the future of accounting services for the Hyalite Rural Fire District.

Background: For the past several years the Hyalite Rural Fire District has contracted with Pinion LLC for accounting services. Hyalite Fire was notified in October 2025 by Pinion LLC that the firm will no longer provide payroll services to the Fire District after Jan 1st, 2026. For this reason, Pinion LLC will no longer fulfill the needs of the Hyalite Rural Fire District for accounting services. This also breaks the agreed upon project details listed in the Pinion LLC 2025-2026 agreement listed below.

Hyalite Rural Fire District Client Project Detail

- Perform Payroll Services for the period of 03-01-2025 to 02-28-2026;
- Manage vendor invoice data entry and integration into QuickBooks Online; Process invoice payment on a semi-monthly basis and submit monthly list of ACH transactions to the County;
- Perform monthly reconciliation of County statements and month-end closing adjustments;
- Maintain property and equipment depreciation schedule;
- Prepare monthly reports for the Board and Treasurer; monthly dashboard for the Board; and Report to the Board, as requested;
- Work with the District's independent auditor to prepare requested schedules and answer audit-related questions. Preparation of Information Returns 1099/2290 for the period ending 12-31-2025.

In addition, the Hyalite Rural Fire District has seen a continued annual increase in fees from Pinion LLC each year. This has put increasing financial burden on the Hyalite Fire District which is compounded by the auditing requirements from the State of Montana. Pinion's monthly fee currently is \$2,750 per month or \$33,000.00 annually.

Below is the termination clause included in the Pinion LLC agreement.

Termination: Unless we terminate this Agreement sooner, in accordance with these terms, final payment and the Agreement's expiration date will be considered fulfillment of your expectations and the end of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, for any reason, with ten (10) days written notice to the other party, and any unpaid services outstanding at the date of termination are to be paid in full within ten (10) days of termination.

Request for Accounting Services Bids:

At the request of the Board of Trustees, the Hyalite Fire District Fire Chief sent out a request for comparison to all fire districts in Gallatin County for accounting services. We received minimal responses from districts.

- The Central Valley Fire District employs an internal CPA at the cost of approximately \$102,000 annually.
- The Gallatin Gateway Fire District employs a part-time bookkeeper for 16 hours per week at a cost of \$2,400.00 per month or \$28,800 annually. This person is not a CPA nor do they do payroll or audit preparation work.

Hyalite Fire staff met with Jeni Lorash, CPA based out of Columbus, MT. Jeni currently provides accounting services for the Frenchtown Fire District (Missoula County) and the Columbus Fire District (Stillwater County). Both fire districts compare to Hyalite Fire in being combination fire departments. Jeni provided a bid of \$1,250.00 per month or \$15,000 annually to provide accounting services to the Hyalite Rural Fire District. These services include,

- Monthly payroll calculations including respective 941, state withholding, FURS and PERS submissions.
- Quarterly payroll reports of Form 941 and UI5 will be prepared as well as all necessary year-end payroll reports.
- Entry of expenses to be paid, income received and reconciliation to county provided reports.
- Requested/required monthly reports for the board.
- Audit preparation work required.

It is the staff's recommendation that the Board of Trustees consider entering into an agreement with Jeni Lorash, CPA to provide accounting services to the Hyalite Rural Fire District.

Regular Agenda Item 8

Replacement of Rae Fire Station Press Release



The Hyalite Fire District announces plans for the replacement of the Rae Fire Station on Gooch Hill Road.

“This is a needed step in maintaining public safety, emergency response, and insurance savings for our residents.” said Board Chair Justin Miller. Plans for the fire station have been in the works for several years. A potential vote for the funding of the new fire station may come in 2028. The current bond funding the Sourdough Fire Station on S. 3rd Road will sunset. The taxpayers in the Hyalite Fire District will have the choice to continue funding the fire district at that level to maintain the same service level.

The Fire District currently uses volunteer firefighters supported by career staff to respond to emergencies in the District. The new fire station would serve as a residential facility for volunteer firefighters who live and respond from the Rae Fire Station. Having resident volunteers on-site 24/7 means faster response times, save taxpayers money, and better serve the people who count on us in their most critical moments.



Depending on who insures your building, taxpayers in the District see substantial savings on premiums, usually enough to offset the tax paid for service. The savings is contingent on multiple things including proximity to a fire station and the response time of the Fire District.

The new fire station would replace the current Rae Fire Station located at 5400 Gooch Hill Road. The current fire station, built in the 1970s, was never designed for the modern fire service. Due to population growth and the increased traffic it is challenging to meet the District's need with the current station.

Key features of the new Rae Fire Station include:

- **Living quarters** for up to six volunteer firefighters. Utilizing volunteer resident firefighters would save taxpayers an approximate 2 million dollars a year in comparison to career paid firefighters.
- **Training and meeting spaces** to support ongoing firefighter education. The meeting space would be available to our public for HOA, community group or other gatherings.
- **Energy-efficient design** to reduce environmental impact. This effort will offer significant health and safety protection for our firefighters. Improving cancer prevention by offering decontamination designated areas.
- **Enhanced equipment storage** and gear maintenance facilities. The current fire station offers no protection for firefighting gear.

The Volunteer Resident Program, which allows qualified volunteers to live at the station in exchange for emergency response and shift coverage, has proven to be a valuable model for the Hyalite Fire District. The Sourdough and Cottonwood Fire Stations in the Hyalite Fire District currently utilize live-in programs. This saves the taxpayers money by not paying for career fighters. This new facility would ensure that our volunteer force has the support, infrastructure, and resources needed to serve effectively.

Funding for the project would require a public vote to support the measure which is estimated to cost 15 million dollars. We value public input and the Fire District is interested in continuing to engage with the public throughout the planning process. We encourage our public to attend our Board of Trustees meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Sourdough Fire Station located at 4541 S. 3rd Road.

For more information about the project or how to become a volunteer resident firefighter, please visit www.hyalitefire.org.



Regular Agenda Item 9

Fire Chief's Report



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

November 2025

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 62 incidents in October 2025. Our year total for incidents to date is 576.

- Total October 2024 - 60
- Total October 2023 - 50
- Total October 2022 - 63
- Total October 2021 - 56
- Total October 2020 - 51

2. Our current roster is at 50 members (effective 11/1/2025).

- 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
- 12 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
- 1 Volunteer Reserve Firefighters
- 6 Volunteer Recruit Firefighters
- 4 Volunteer 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 October focused on fighting attic fires.
9. We are continuing our lieutenant training for 2025. We have 8 of our current firefighters going through the program. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser and Division Chief Malone are providing the training. The training program will run through November and December.
10. We provided a structural engine and crew for the Anderson School Haunted House on October 31st and November 1st.
11. The fire district continues to be involved with the EMS Steering Group in Gallatin County. I am still one of the steering committee members.
12. I am now sitting on the operational committee of the Northern Rockies Coordination Group. The NRCG OPS committee is responsible for setting operational procedures for fighting wildland fires in Montana, Idaho, North Dakota and Yellowstone National Park. This is a coordinated effort made up of local government, state, and federal agencies.
13. I am still on the Board of Directors with Montana State Fire Chiefs Association as a combination section director.
14. I am still on the Montana State Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Committee.
15. 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.
16. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser continues to chair the training and SOP committee with the Gallatin County Fire Council.

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

18. We had no firefighter injuries in the month of October.

19. Command 6-3 remains out of service at Billion Ram waiting on a torque converter for the transmission.