

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

April 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Directors Cindy Hauser, John Dimick, Steve Shafer, and Bill Leavens

Board Absent: Harvey Tonn

Staff Present: Robert Horton, Mike Hussey, John Patterson, Dave Blakely, Stacy Maxwell, and Margie Calvert

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jeff Bancroft and Lorin Myers

Vice President Hauser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated April 12, 2018.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting with the intentional modifications. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of March totaled \$342,106.

Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$1,149,000. Noteworthy expenditures were the worker's compensation reimbursing claims, suppression equipment for new apparatus, and 50 percent down payment for Firewise fuels reduction in Madrone Park, and expenses made for the Scenic property.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for March 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton shared the Executive team has been working on building the task list for the Strategic Plan which are posted in the draft budget document at the end of each department. The task list will be posted on the District website in the near future. Horton commended the staff for doing an excellent job putting together the budget document.

Horton shared that the Staff Battalion Chief process is advancing, the District received 11 applications with 7 of those moving to phone interviews in May.

Horton explained the Intterra data analytics program that will offer performance metrics analytics, situational awareness information as well as real-time, live, and user friendly pre-planning for buildings in the District.

Horton briefly shared the Verified Responder program through PulsePoint, which is another level alarming off-duty first responders.

Horton shared the District is looking into a federal grant that is available to use toward the marketing and recruiting of volunteers in the fire service. This is to fully fund a part-time member for four years.

Horton shared that the District is in collaboration with School District 6 to give public interest information as soon as it is received regarding the new fire station on Scenic Avenue.

Horton attended the Oregon Prepared Conference, the POW flag ceremony at the Jackson County Courthouse, the Sparrow Club event with the Local 1817 and Central Point Police at the Central Point Bobbio's Pizza, supported the ECSO telecommunications week, attended an event for the Central Point Chamber of Commerce, and an event for the Addiction Center.

Horton shared that the ECSO Board will share an update on the service versus special district this coming week. Horton will report the outcome at the May meeting.

Horton announced he will be on vacation next week returning on May 4th.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey shared that the surplus tender was sold at auction for \$9,000. Hussey is still looking to share the surplus Durango with a smaller district in need.

Hussey shared that student Josh McGonagle has accepted a job in La Grande, OR. Student Brandon Grissom has been hired by Medford Fire Rescue, and Gold Hill student resident Christina Shulters has been offered a position in Hillsboro, Oregon and Denver, Colorado. Data has shown that Christina had put in over 2,700 hours at the Gold Hill station and responded to 125 alarms out of the Gold Hill station. During their exit interviews each have shared that they are very appreciative and that the District and RCC have developed a path and it is up to the individual and their commitment to get through. They feel confident that this has helped them.

Hussey shared that he is noticing the cost of maintenance is going up. The District has spent \$100,000 in the past four months. Hussey is concerned about the increase and is looking at what may be causing the increases, noting that many factors may be involved. As NFPA requirements and technology increases, so do the costs.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Deputy Chief Patterson shared a recap of hours spent on fire investigations, the amount of smoke alarm installations, and fuels reduction on Pumice Land and Table Rock neighborhoods. The District is currently looking at different grant or collaborations for smoke alarms.

Patterson shared that the Target Hazard Tour at CARESTREAM completed today. DFM Murdock does a fantastic job. Next month's tour will focus on Long Mountain the week of May 14th.

May is wildfire awareness month and the District is partnering with ODF and Keep Oregon Green.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Deputy Chief Patterson shared that IT Rydings completed the network switches and upgraded the infrastructure with zero downtime to the District, increasing reliability.

Patterson shared that security cameras have been installed at the White City station. They record strategic locations of the parking lots and entry points.

Patterson updated the Board on Scenic Avenue property. Asbestos testing took place this week prior to demolition of the house and cleaning up the property. The District is surveying the lot line adjustments and looking into the road prospects.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Division Chief Blakely shared that the District hosted an Engineer Promotional exam last week ending with six personnel on the register after a one-day process.

Blakely shared that wildland preparation is underway. There is discussion that the season looks similar to last year.

Blakely shared that he met with Medford Fire Rescue and began making revisions to the Fire Rescue Standing Orders for a July 1st implementation. This is a collaborative effort between the two agencies.

Blakely shared the Safety Committee sent two people to serious accident review training in Clackamas.

Blakely shared audio clips demonstrating the positive aspects of the Blue Card program.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTRY CROSSINGS BRIEFING

Fire Chief Horton shared there is a workable fire safety plan that is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEXATION REQUEST

Deputy Chief Patterson provided an annexation request for 10697 East Antelope Road. Patterson shared that this property does not meet the issues of consideration for approval, specifically the property is almost 4 miles outside our current District boundaries which is 9 and a half miles away from the Agate Lake station, 14 miles from Eagle Point and 15 miles from the White City station. Another consideration is that the District would be sending a large amount of resources into a remote area leaving the District uncovered. Staff requested that the Board deny the approval of the annexation.

Motion by Director Shafer to deny the request to annex the property listed as 10697 East Antelope Road into the District due to the inability to meet the issues of consideration for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Horton shared that he presented the Annual Report to the City Councils.

Horton shared that Klamath Community College visited the District looking at the drill grounds. We have offered our assistance as they build.

Horton shared that Captain TJ Lockwood prepared a 'Stop the Bleed' active shooter training at the Medford International Airport receiving thanks from the airport Deputy Director of Security.

Hussey shared that Brookings Harbor FFA thanked the District for the donated wildland gear that was given for their fire shadow program. They are able to run 12 students through the program.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bill Leavens shared in jest that he disagreed with the picture in the annual report. He also shared the entertaining 911 dispatch calls that were shared in honor of the 911's 100th birthday.

John Dimick shared that he did the initial safe forestry years ago.

Steve Shafer also shared different 911 dispatch calls.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,


Margie Calvert, Scribe

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors