

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

August 20, 2020 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Directors Harvey Tonn, Steve Shafer, with John Dimick, Bill Leavens, and Cindy Hauser via Zoom videoconference

Board Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Tanea Browning, Westin Browning, Josh Platt, Tom Kerley and Lorin Myers, John Rachor, via videoconference

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated August 13, 2020.

COMMUNITY CARE UPDATE

Community Risk Reduction Captain Tom Kerley updated the Board on the progress of the Community Care Response Unit. Sharing success stories, community partnerships that have developed through the work with families mentioning Asante's teams, ACCENT Home Health Care, Providence Home Health Care and Columbia Health, VA social work and primary care physicians, Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley, and National Federation for the Blind. The Community Care Providers (CCP) have been trained to assess for Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley resulting in more expedient assistance to help those in need to "age in place".

The CCP will continue to target those who still use the 911 system for help; the under-served and those with poor access, by helping to expose them to other options, as well as develop community partnerships. As the team moves forward they will begin training the care facilities.

Before COVID-19, care facilities had reduced its call volume by fifty percent. At this time the utilization has returned to its prior volume. The team will begin training the care facilities with new opportunities to return to the reduced volume.

The CCP have also been available for medical calls during Target Hazard Tours and to help provide medical services when resources are running low.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated July 16, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of July totaled \$18,366. Revenue resulted from miscellaneous income mainly from an Energy rebate for the Scenic station.

Expenditures for the month of July totaled \$742,000. Noteworthy expenditures were mainly annual subscription renewals.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for July 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton shared the 2019 Annual Report that was put on hold due to COVID-19. The document will be published on the website.

Horton shared the District continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow current guidance.

Horton shared the work on the ASA Ordinance continues. Public Health Manager Jackson Bauers has submitted the concepts of the ordinance to the County Council for review and recommendations. After review the ordinance will go to the EMS Committee and then to the County Commissioners.

Horton shared the District is piloting a project called our tactical advantage initiative in partnership with ECSO and the ODF detection center. Two vendors the District is looking at utilizes community cell phone imaging identified through the 911 dispatch center. This offers real time visual to the responders to help determine the level of threat.

Horton shared that the District has initiated the new Strategic Plan engaging the Corona Consulting to begin this fall.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey shared the District has received the Type III engine and is currently being outfitted.

Hussey gave an update on the fire season stating that the District is providing additional staffing in preparation for the forecasted weather in conjunction with ODF.

Hussey acknowledged that Engineer Bart Qualls retired last month, wishing him the best.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Division Chief Blakely shared that there will be training for the new Type III.

Blakely shared that last month there were three houses that the crews were able to utilize for training before being demolished. This training did not involve any burning.

Blakely shared that Administrative Assistant Cowan and he met with all of the crews asking, "How is Target Solution working?" and "How is the new training plan working?" There is an overwhelmingly positive response for Target Solutions and the crews appreciate the flexibility and crew level training offered with the training plan as they navigate through change.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Fire Marshal Patterson shared that the department is implementing new technology through ImageTrend and looking forward to the data that will be provided. The crews have shared referrals regarding fire hazards along Highway 62.

Patterson shared that he participated in a teleconference with the southern Oregon cannabis growers group regarding fire safety, codes, and hazards due to drying operations that will begin soon.

Patterson shared information regarding the Biomass fuel pile fire on August 2, 2020.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates shared the department has continued to work on the data collection systems with the goal of producing a monthly report providing stats and data regarding District operations.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick shared he was impressed with how quickly the Worthington fire was put out. Not sure how involved the District was, but it was impressive.

Bill Leavens stated that the Community Care Program is very important to follow and would like to see Captain Kerley come more often with updates and tie in the data from Strategic Services.

Cindy Hauser shared life is good and that school will begin on September 22nd and RCC is on line for the fall.

Steve Shafer agreed that the quick work on the Worthington fire was amazing.

Harvey Tonn stated that he liked to tell people about the Community Care Program and can't do it justice. There is so much to look forward to with this program.

The next Board of Directors meeting is September 17, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert, Scribe