

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Margie Calvert

Visitors Present: Stephanie Cowan, Ben Kennedy, Junior Osorio-Perez and Lorin Myers 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 October 8, 2020.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated September 17, 2020 as modified. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of September totaled \$54,984. Revenue resulted from an energy rebate from Energy Trust of Oregon from the Scenic construction.

Expenditures for the month of September totaled \$1,024,785; \$ 846,000 for personnel services and \$ 126,000 for materials and services. Expenditures were mostly routine in nature with the exception of budgeted costs towards the purchase of the new staff vehicle and accessories.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton shared that since the fire events, staff has been engaged in policy changes regarding wildfire with multiple state, federal, national, and local agencies are involved.

Horton shared that the District, in coordination with the Western Fire Chiefs and Google, have facilitated a pilot project that is a digital disaster assessment tool. During the Alameda Fire tour this technology was introduced based on the same Google mapping technology.

Horton shared a partnership with Southern Oregon University remains. During the fall semester a graduate student will help with the data analytics for the community care program.

Horton shared the Community Care Program media blitz has begun and he and Deputy Chief Bates have met with Mercy Flights regarding the two different programs.

Horton shared the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Ordinance is back on track beginning again next week.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey commented on the great work, commitment, and sincere appreciation of the work force. By the afternoon of September 8th the District had 17 units, four Battalion Chief's, five staff chiefs, three Fire and Life Safety members, the two Community Care Unit Paramedics, and staff

assistants attending in some way during and after the fires. Chief Hussey stated his is very proud of our members.

Hussey shared the District has three new students who have entered the Rogue Community College Firefighter I Academy program, two have returned as second year students. At the end of the term, all five will be place on a shift as they continue the program.

Hussey shared the Type III engine continues to be placed into service.

Hussey shared the manufactured home at the Table Rock station will be removed at the end of the month by the Jacksonville Fire Department to use while they work on their station. Eventually the manufactured home will reside at Sams Valley or Agate Lake.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Division Chief Blakely shared that the department is preparing for the next round of Probationary Firefighter testing.

Blakely shard that three members have completed the Acting in Capacity (AIC) programs; Manny Gobel and Cody Clark are now AIC Captains and Rob Miller is now an AIC Engineer.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Fire Marshal Patterson shared that if the Board of Directors has any questions regarding what they hear on the media regarding fire, please reach out to the Fire Chief because there have been major problems and errors in what the media has shared.

Patterson shared the District is working on hazardous vegetation ordinance at this time.

Patterson shared that ImageTrend has been helpful on fire reporting and occupancy data base systems. Patterson shared the technology that is making the departments work easier.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates shared the monthly summary report for August 2020. Non-medical calls for the month were 292 compared to 387 medical related calls; the Community Care unit continues to respond to 911 calls, referrals, and attending to in-home visits and the Fire and Life Safety department has completed 1,290 inspections since January.

Bates shared that the FirstDue pre-planning software is compiling data and will introduce the Community Connect piece in the near future.

Bates shared that the District will have a "Trunk or Treat" event the day before Halloween at the Scenic and Eagle Point stations.

Chaplain Myers shared that the Southern Oregon Chaplains Association served in the Almeda area by attending to those who were in the burn area. The Chaplains offered the citizens information of the various services that are available. Myers also helped the District by distributing the many donations coming to the stations to the crews and other partner agencies.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS

Fire Chief Horton shared the 2021-2023 Strategic Planning Sessions have begun with the help of Kerri Nelson and Irene Lee from Corona Consulting. All sessions will be virtual in nature. A survey will be given and all data is disseminated by Corona Consulting to be used in a future workshop.

REVIEW SDAO BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Chief Horton, Director Hauser, and Executive Assistant Calvert reviewed the SDAO Best Practices Checklist. Chief Horton shared the District has received the full 10% credit on next year's SDIS property/casualty insurance contribution.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Horton shared the community has been very gracious towards the District.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bill Leavens shared that he hopes that Chief Horton will be able to do something regarding the fact that FEMA doesn't recognize fire in the same disaster category as tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. There is nothing more destructive than an incinerate fire and it shouldn't be considered less than important.

Steve Shafer shared that this year may be the year that something happens for this recognition.

John Dimick shared his research of the different fires.

Harvey Tonn shared that something must be done with the greenway. Now is the time for something to happen with leadership to step forward.

The next Board of Directors meeting is November 19, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert, Scribe