

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

April 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Dave Blakely

Visitors Present: Mark Tomasello

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated April 8, 2021.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Hauser to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated March 18, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of March totaled over \$915,000. The prior year taxes is above normal due to a settlement from Charter Communications. The District has now received 100% of the Almeda, Obenchain, and Slater conflagration reimbursements from 2020.

Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$999,000 the majority is from personal services at \$845,000. Accounts payable equated to \$269,000 with routine expenditures and no noteworthy items to report.

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for March 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton shared that the District is preparing for fire season. The District participated in a review of the 2020 fire season with Jackson County. The focus was on the operations of the emergency center and the evacuation process.

Horton shared the District has partnered with Jackson County Public Health and EPA regarding smoke ready communities and will focus on updating a smoke preparedness plan for the county.

Horton shared that the District is involved in a Zone Haven evacuation pilot project. The OFCA wildfire community has recognized Deschutes and Jackson counties to pilot this project due to the recent wildfire risks.

Horton shared that the District has joined with Jackson County Public Health during the vaccine clinics taking place at the EXPO providing EMS coverage.

Horton share that he has been asked by the OFCA to actively participate in the legislative process following SB762 providing testimony and participating in work sessions.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey shared that at the end of March BC Calhoun retired after serving 27 years with the District; Firefighter Stephen Ede promoted to Engineer and Engineer Ian Kassab promoted to Captain. The Recruitment and Retention Coordinator will begin on Monday.

Hussey shared the District has been supporting the walk-in Moderna clinic at the EXPO. There will be a parallel clinic next week that is county led, state and federally supported with FEMA on site. This will be a drive-through clinic and will be advertised on the West Coast.

Hussey shared that all of the site surveys are completed and receivers have been placed to determine if they are hearing the frequencies required for the radio project.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Deputy Chief Hussey shared that Division Chief Blakely is on the training ground as the Recruits are going through their mid-term evaluation.

Hussey shared that Blue Card certification is complete and that the Training Department is making sure everyone has fulfilled their EMS recertification which is due this year.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Fire Marshal Patterson shared the department is working to complete the annual inspection goals.

Patterson shared Biomass is making improvements to their facilities before fire season begins.

Patterson shared that Jackson County code enforcement is looking at cannabis and hemp production and processors to have a business license that is renewable annually.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates gave an update on the Dodge Bridge fuel reduction sight sharing over 200 loads dropped off and great response from the community. There have been opportunities through generous partnerships with agencies in the area.

Bates shared the District is working with the Sheriff's office and ODF to reopen the dozer line for access on parts of the Greenway for fire events.

Bates shared that the Rogue Valley Council of Governments is working with FEMA and Josephine County for a camera network grant that would provide a view shed of each county area.

Bates shared the Community Care have now moved to the 7-days a week coverage and responding to 911 calls. Next week they will begin the initiative to treat-in-place, seek alternate destinations and help provide TeleMed services with the supervising physician.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPORT FOR STATE AND LOCAL INNOVATION GRANT

Fire Chief Horton asked the Board to support a project proposal in collaboration with the OSFM seeking funding from the national organization JPAL. This is a competition with state and local government writing proposals for areas where there is poverty on projects that they would invest in. The proposal is to support an analysis of behavioral and economic incentives for the creation of defensible space across Oregon. The letter of support will be included in a packet of letters of support from other agencies.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the letter of support for the State and Local Innovation Grant focusing on reducing risk for households in the Wildland Urban Interface across Oregon. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 21-04 NON-BARGAINING UNIT SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR 2020/21 FISCAL YEAR

CAO Maxwell shared that Resolution 21-04 is for the current fiscal year specifically for the part-time Recruitment Retention Coordinator which is a grant funded position through FEMA.

Motion by Director Leavens to adopt Resolution No. 21-04: Salary and Benefits Schedule for Non-Bargaining Personnel 2020/21 Fiscal Year.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Horton shared that he completed both his Blue Card and EMS recertification and thanked the team and CAO Stacy Maxwell for their work on the Budget Document.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick recognized that that fair grounds has been open for many other events other than the normal livestock and county fair. If we didn't have the fairgrounds, we would be in a tough situation. It is getting busy with non-fair events.

Steve Shafer shared the Budget Document is incredible and complex. It is amazing. The work put into is terrific and thank you.

Cindy Hauser thank you to everyone who put time and energy in the budget meeting. This is an incredible amount of information. This is exceptional work.

Bill Leavens noticed the Cascade Fire Equipment building located close to the Administration Building. Chief Hussey explained what Cascade does. Leaves stated that Southern Oregon seems poised to be a West Coast regional center for equipping and training due to all of the agencies in the area.

Harvey Tonn also stated that he has been involved with budgets his whole life and there hasn't been anything equal to the District's Budget

The next Board of Director's meeting is May 20, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. by Director Shafer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert, Scribe