

# ***Jackson County Fire District 3***

Minutes - Board of Directors

February 24, 2022, at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

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## **ATTENDANCE**

**Board Present:** Directors Harvey Tonn, Steve Shafer, Bill Leavens, with Tim Snaith and John Dimick via Zoom.

**Board Absent:** None

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

**Staff Absent:** Justin Bates and Dave Blakely

**Visitors Present:** Lorin Myers, Marisa Lehnerz, Jason Allen, Samantha Didion, Josh Platt, and Matt Epstein via Zoom

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 February 17, 2022.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated January 20, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Revenue for the month of January totaled \$394,000 with the majority coming from current and prior year taxes and miscellaneous revenue.

Expenditures for the month of January totaled \$1,258,572 with personnel services at \$909,000, and \$124,00 from materials services and a debt payment of \$204,000. All departments are trending well.

Accounts payable equated to \$481,000 with noteworthy items being the card access system and routine annual payments to ImageTrend and the website hosting fee.

Motion by Director Leavens to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for January 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Fire Chief Horton introduced newly hired People Services Administrator, Marisa Lehnerz. She is currently working on recruitment processes and human resources.

Horton reported he has been participating in the legislative short sessions and gave an update on the various bills that involve the fire service. The cancer presumption bill, which includes bladder and female reproductive cancers, is due to be signed and SB1582, an annexation bill which will close a loophole that currently allows homeowners in a fire district to choose not to be within the district yet receives protection. This bill would allow fire districts to annex properties within 7 miles of the district boundaries.

Horton reported on an article about insurance companies that have begun dropping homeowners' insurance policies in the wildland urban interface.

Horton shared the District hosted Congressman Cliff Bentz and his staff as they toured the area.

### **OPERATIONS**

Deputy Chief Hussey reported that due to the work of the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, the District has three volunteer firefighter recruits that are graduating the Firefighter 1 Academy.

Hussey reported that the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office is working on the specs for apparatus that will be distributed through SB762. 75 apparatus will be distributed throughout the state: 30 type 3's, 30 tenders, and 15 type 6's. BC Clelland was able to participate in this process.

Hussey reported on HB4092 which is to help build out the broadband technology capabilities through \$500 million dollars from the State. This bill is designed to keep the money local.

#### **TRAINING AND SAFETY**

Deputy Chief Hussey shared that Firefighters Patrick Bailey and Levi Swillinger will lead out Firefighter Academy 22-01 with the assistance of Training Chief Blakely. Hussey also shared that two probationary Firefighters tested out today with the remaining two testing tomorrow.

#### **FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY**

Fire Marshal Patterson reported that Deputy Fire Marshal Brian Murdock's last day was today. He has created a great example to follow. Murdock expressed his thanks to the Board for their support stating that working at Fire District 3 was always his dream.

Patterson reported that the District received three annexation requests in January and February. They were denied due to the fact they did not meet the Board policy requirements. When a request does not meet the requirements, Patterson does not bring them to the Board. After this legislation session, the Board would like to review the Board policy.

Patterson reported the voice evacuation alarm prompts at the Expo have been installed.

Patterson reported that both Deputy Fire Marshal's Darnell and Miller are doing great in their training plan. DFM Darnell passed both his Fire Inspector I and II tests. They will both attend an investigation class through the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office. Upon completion they will be an NFPA Fire Investigator through DPSST.

Patterson reported that the department collaborated with OLCC, Jackson County Code Enforcement, and the Sheriff's office at a hazardous site with illegal marijuana.

#### **STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Fire Marshal Patterson reported that Deputy Chief Bates is in Nashville, TN at the Vision 2020 conference.

Patterson reported that Wednesday the District will interview seven candidates for the Community Care Provider positions.

Patterson reported the District was not successful in receiving the small forest land grant for the Agate Lake Project, however Oregon Department of Forestry will submit through another project.

Patterson reported the fuels reduction trailer is booked out for weeks and many calls have come in regarding the opening of Dodge Bridge fuels collection site.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**NONE**

#### **TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA**

**NONE**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Fire Chief Horton shared that Fire District 3 partnered with Jackson Public Health to distribute COVID 19 tests utilizing the Districts Community Connect platform.

Fire Chief Horton also thanked Brian Murdock for 39 years of service.

### **INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

John Dimick shared it is getting dry and he will be filling up his fire trailer.

Harvey Tonn reminded that Samantha has another good social media update and welcomed Marisa to the District.

Tim Snaith shared that they have received 84 Frazier bags. A bag will go into each patrol car as well as search and rescue vehicles. They appreciate their bags and the great work the Michelle has done. This continues to grow the contact with special needs children and a great collaboration between the two offices.

Bill Leavens asked CAO Maxwell if the SB will alleviate some of the concerns brought through the SDAO Workers Compensation cancer insurance rates and funding? Maxwell shared that it actually would add to the concerns.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. by Director Leavens. Motion carried unanimously.

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Board of Directors

Submitted by:

  
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Margie Calvert, Scribe