

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

March 17, 2022, at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Directors Harvey Tonn, Steve Shafer, Bill Leavens, Tim Snaith, and John Dimick

Board Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Margie Calvert

Visitors Present: Ashley Blakely, Sara Miller, Ian Kassab, and Brian Mortensen via Zoom

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated March 10, 2022.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated February 24, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of February totaled \$106,481 with the majority coming from current year taxes, a 2021 conflagration reimbursement, and FEMA Safer grant.

Expenditures for the month of February totaled \$1,000,294 with personnel services at \$982,000 and \$311,000 from materials services. There were no capital or debit service payments.

Accounts payable equated to \$441,671 with noteworthy items being wildland and structural hose, paving repair at the Central Point station, HVAC repair and upgrade costs for the administration building, and annual technology payments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton updated Board on the ECSO recruitment efforts for a new CEO.

Horton reported that he presented at the National Fire Protection Association conference on the District community risk reduction programs, and he has participated with several others in the states listening tours. Chief Hussey has been advocating how we can grow capacity during emergency response.

Horton updated on the legislative session; the annexation bill died on the floor, and funding for the Alertwildfire camera system passed.

Horton shared that he has tasked CEC Samantha Didion to organize a community forum for feedback on the updated District website. This will be scheduled for May.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey recognized three members who traveled to Seattle to participate in the Seattle stair climb, a fund raiser for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Firefighters don all of their equipment, full PPE and breathing through the SCBA, race 69 floors and over 1,300 steps to the top of the building. Captain Don Manning did it in over 17 minutes, Sophia Bradley 23 minutes, and Rob Miller 24 minutes.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Division Chief Blakely shared that all of the probationary firefighters have now completed all of their requirements. Congratulations to Firefighters Hornbrook, Clooney, Nichols, and Bradley. Sophia received the highest score on her final with a 98 percent.

Blakely reported that Stephen Ede also has completed his probationary year for Engineer.

Blakey reported that Firefighters Levi Swillinger and Patrick Bailey are leading the recruit academy this year and have begun working in the offices. There will be seven recruit firefighters in the academy this year.

Blakely reported the Safety Committee is doing good work with a current project of the exhaust system at the Eagle Point station.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Fire Marshal Patterson congratulated Deputy Fire Marshals Steve Darnell and Sara Miller, along with Firefighter Brian Simonsen for completing a 40-hour OSFM fire investigation training and passing the test. This training was held at Applegate Fire District 9 including classroom and on scene fire investigation, report writing, and a presentation.

Patterson reported that Deputy Fire Marshal Northrop worked with School District 6 to evaluate the potential risks from outside fires at each school. OSFM announced available grant money for schools and hospitals that identify hazard abatements.

Patterson reported on the fire on Tolo Road appears to have been accidental and ignition was from old wiring in a 1960's mobile home. The occupants escaped and one person was injured trying to rescue pets.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Administrative Assistant Cowan reported that the District is moving one candidate forward into the background process for one of the Community Care positions. The District will readvertise for the second position.

Cowan reported that the District will be working with Northwest Youth Corp out of Eugene. There will be two 5-person crews with their own equipment and supervisors working on fuels reduction on "at risk" or "vulnerable" homeowners. There will be two sessions May-July and August-October. Captain Kassab gave more detailed information on the process and Northwest Youth Corp.

Cowan reported that several community risk reduction events have been planned for the spring; two chipper day events in May, in the Wedgewood Ironwood and the Kane Creek areas. April 9th and 23rd will be a public education day at Coastal in White City, and a public education event will be held in Gold Hill on April 30th.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Horton recognized Division Chief Blakely who is separating from the District to pursue other interests. Horton shared the many accomplishments that Chief Blakely has been involved in both in the District and throughout the state. On behalf of the District, Chief Horton thanked Dave

and wished him well into the future. Board President Tonn also thanked Dave and stated the District is better because of him.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick wanted to thank Samantha for another great social media report. He also mentioned that he has noticed the woods by Sams Valley Elementary School is very dry.

Harvey Tonn also stated the newsletter was really well done and remarked the Frazier Bags were on the television and they received a lot of airtime.

Tim Snaith stated the Volunteer newsletter was well done and appreciated it.

Bill Leavens, in jest, shared there will be a fire truck at the next JB Auction that would need to be repainted and would be cheaper.

Steve Shafer stated the Volunteer newsletter is well done. Shafer also shared that he attended the virtual Special Districts conference and noted the program was very good.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. by Director Shafer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Board of Directors

Submitted by:



Stephanie Cowan, Scribe