

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

April 21, 2022, at approximately 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: Bill Leavens

Staff Present: Robert Horton, Stacy Maxwell, Justin Bates, and Margie Calvert

Staff Absent: John Patterson and Mike Hussey

Visitors Present: Josh Platt, Emily McIntire, Dave LaCombe, Marisa Lehnerz, Lorin Myers, Samantha Didion, and Tom Kerley, Javier Lopez, Alex Cummings, Joey Forrest, Jason Allen, Connor Tacchini, and Cole Hornbrook via Zoom.

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated April 14, 2022.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated March 17, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of March totaled \$388,163 with the majority coming from current year taxes, and State of Oregon grant funds for LEPC and miscellaneous income.

Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$1,384,594 with personnel services at \$1,239,000 and \$145,00 from materials services. The general fund is showing 40% available.

Accounts payable equated to \$275,600 with noteworthy items being extrication item expenditures.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily McIntire who is running for State Representative, introduced herself. She is running for the newly redistricted House District 56 which is White City up Hwy 62 to Crater Lake and the west half of Klamath Falls.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton attended the Congressional Fire Institute in Washington DC representing the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. He will be attending Oregon Fire Chiefs conferences the next two weeks.

Horton shared that ECSO has identified a contract vendor to recruit a new Director.

Horton shared there has been slow progress toward discussions with Mercy Flights regarding ambulance assistance.

Horton turned to Community Engagement Coordinator, Samantha Didion to explain the website scavenger hunt and focus group event on May 17, 2022.

OPERATIONS

Fire Chief Horton shared Chief Hussey is at the ODF range land classification appeals meeting.

Horton shared the final specifications for the Battalion Chief vehicle have been approved, this was in the 2020/21 budget.

Horton shared that the District was an active participant in the Pacific Pride fire in Medford. Two engines, the ladder truck, and command staff assisted. The District is working with Medford to replace 500 feet of hose contaminated during the fire event.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Fire Chief Horton shared the Recruit Academy is in week three and all recruits are performing well. Firefighters Swillinger and Bailey are reinforcing fundamentals and

Horton reported the Battalion Chiefs are finishing joint training on how to manage the Mayday. BC Cohee is currently in the administration office serving as the training coordinator as the District determines the strategy to fill the position. The candidates that are eligible to participate in the upcoming promotional process are rotating through as Acting Battalion Chief for eight weeks.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Deputy Chief Bates shared the new Deputy Fire Marshal's are continuing to complete their probationary year requirements. There have been training, classes and real-life investigations and they have both completed their investigation task books.

Bates reported the fire sprinkler and fire alarm system plans have been reviewed and approved for the new Grange CO-OP building on Hwy 62.

Bates reported there have been 11 fires for A Shift, 5 for B Shift, and 9 for C Shift in the past month. Three of these have been escaped burn piles.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates reported the Northwest Youth Corp will be handling the free of charge fuels reduction work around patron's homes in the district. Seven members will be housed at the Gold Hill station. Fire District 3 is the only fire agency that wanted to participate with NW Youth Corp.

Bates reported that the Alert Wildfire cameras were placed today on Long Mountain on the Rogue Broadband tower. Rogue Broadband is donating the tower space, power, and data this first year.

Bates reported there are two new Community Care providers in backgrounds to fill the two vacant positions. One is a paramedic, and one is an EMT.

Bates reported that May 7th is Community Preparedness Day, Biomass will be offering free drop off on the 7th and 8th.

Bates reported that 911Eye program has begun in partnership with ECSO who will be administering. This offers live video of events from patrons. ODF is also participating.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

WAGE AND BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Directors Snaith and Shafer were appointed to the wage and benefit committee to review non-bargaining wages and benefits.

FIRE DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 4 ALLIANCE COLLABORATION

Fire Chief Horton explained the Alliance and asked the Board to appoint two Directors to participate in the collaboration of the Alliance with Fire Districts 1 and 4.

Motion by Director Shafer to enter into an Alliance with Fire Districts 1 and 4. Motion carried unanimously.

Directors Tonn and Leavens were appointed to participate in the Alliance committee. If Director Leavens is unable to attend, Director Dimick will also participate.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Horton shared the Awards team has put together the Awards and Recognition Event for June 3rd at the Rogue Valley Country Club with entertainment by The Brothers Reed.

Fire Chief Horton also acknowledged CAO Stacy Maxwell for a great budget document.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick knows the guys at Project A and he is not surprised by their willingness to do anything to make this project work. They are great guys.

Harvey Tonn shared he is looking forward to what might come out of the Alliance with Fire Districts 1 and 4.

Steve Shafer did a ride-a-long with the Eagle Point crew. It was great and he learned how to play pickleball.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Board of Directors

Submitted by:



Margie Calvert, Scribe