

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Justin Bates, Stacy Maxwell, Will Clelland, Steve Darnell, and Margie Calvert

Staff Absent: John Patterson, Robert Horton, and Mike Hussey

Visitors Present: Marisa Lehnerz, David Lacombe, Lorin Myers, Sara Miller, Scott Tuers, Javier Lopez, Cole Hornbrook, Josh Platt, Scott Downing, and Brian Mortensen 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 September 11, 2022.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Leavens to approve the minutes of the Executive Session and the regular Board Meeting dated August 18, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of August totaled \$50,033 with the majority coming from prior taxes and interest.

Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$1,140,000 with the majority out of personnel services at \$1,009,000.

Accounts payable equated to \$273,900 with noteworthy items being the cost of fuel and routine expenditures.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Deputy Chief Bates gave the Executive report for Fire Chief Horton.

Bates shared the two Alert Wildfire cameras have been in use and have proven very valuable this fire season. A citizen has offered to purchase another camera following the media exposure and Adam Hanks has secured the ability to place a camera on the Manor in south Medford.

Bates shared the Firefighter hiring process advertising will begin next week in anticipation of possible vacancies this fall/winter.

Bates shared that People Services Administrator Lehnerz has brought together the seminar "Presenting Your Best Self" which is a seminar to help prepare candidates for the entire hiring and recruitment process. The seminar will be on September 22nd.

Bates reported that the District has transported six patients the month of August. Mercy Flights has been overloaded and requested that we transport for them when they are unable. Mercy is also starting a pilot program of tiered response in Medford to try to make ALS response available throughout the ambulance service area (ASA).

Bates reported that the District sent an immediate task force to the fire in Klamath through the State Fire Marshal for 72 hours.

OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND SAFETY

Battalion Chief Clelland shared that the District was able to support the Van Meter fire in Klamath. The District sent two tenders and two members to the Rum Creek Fire in support for six days along with the support that went to the Van Meter Fire.

Clelland shared that Kelly Harrington has been promoted to the Admin Battalion Chief /Training which resulted in other vacancies; Manny Gobel has been promoted to Captain, and Clayton Mattson was promoted to Engineer.

Clelland shared all seven probationary firefighters have passed their first quarterly exams and are doing great. Clelland also offered thanks to Firefighters Bailey and Swillinger for their work during the academy and the crews assigned with the probationary firefighters.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Deputy Fire Marshal Darnell shared weekly activities for the past four weeks citing 199 total inspections and consultations.

Darnell shared the Department lead a Target Hazard Tour at the Rogue Primary School in Central Point. This is a new Kindergarten-5th grade school which is planned to open in January. Darnell explained the building issues that has caused the delay in opening.

Darnell reported on different fires that were deemed accidental and the new construction taking place at the Stoneridge Golf course.

Darnell reported that Deputy Fire Marshal Northrop was asked to participate in the third season of the Belushi reality show. Northrop discussed the fire investigation process, the origin, and cause of the fire that took place on the property.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates discussed the Agate Lake Reduction Fuels Project sharing a map of the actual area covered. ODF received the grant, and the District is working with them. The grant is \$380,000 and the District is using this opportunity to help people onto the Community Connect platform. Next year the District hopes to do the same on the BLM land that is in the same area.

Bates reported that Captain Kassab is on the cover of the Oregon State Fire Marshal SB762 Biannual Report.

Bates reported the Northwest Youth Corp is back with a new crew to tackle a second session of fuels reduction work. They will work through early December and come back in March of 2023.

Bates reported that the Community Care Unit will become two teams beginning September 30th offering 7-day a week coverage.

Bates gave an update on the Solar Planning Grant. With the help of Adam Hanks, the District submitted a grant and should hear the results in the next couple of weeks. This is a Pacific Power grant for an electric vehicle and charging station. An electric van has been ordered for the Facilities team.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Steve Shafer appreciates the staff and the fact that everyone hangs in during trying times and he appreciates it.

Bill Leavens was happy to state it rained on Saturday. Leavens also told Chaplain Myers that he appreciates the updates on his wife when he is here.

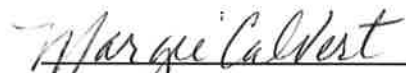
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert