

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

February 16, 2023 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: Bill Leavens and Tim Snaith

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

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jason Allen, Rob Hernandez, Josh Platt, Sara Miller, Samantha Didion, Ben Kennedy, Garrett Byrd, and Michelle Frazier

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640. President Tonn recognized and welcomed Rob Hernandez as the representative from the Central Point City Council.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated January 19, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of January totaled \$327,000 with the majority coming from current year taxes and OSFM conflagration reimbursements from the Rum Creek and Van Meter Fires.

Expenditures for the month of January totaled \$1,575,000 with personnel services at \$1,400,000 and capital fund of \$160,000 .

Accounts payable equated to \$659,000 with noteworthy items being the financial audit review, funding for the JPAL Wildfire Policy Research project which will be reimbursed, property/casualty brokerage fee, the semi-annual debt payment, and the final payment on the Battalion Chief unit.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for January 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY

Fire Chief Hussey gave a legislative update stating the District is watching those bills that could affect District funding through property taxes. HB2980 creates a ceiling on tax assessment and diverts funds to SDC's for 10 years, a bill creating exemptions on taxes for seniors making under \$150,000 annually, and another bill that pertains to rental unit property taxes.

Hussey shared the District has been in partnership with suicide prevention through "In This Together" on KOBI Channel 5. Senator Wyden recognized Sheriff Sickler and Fire District 3 efforts in public safety.

Hussey gave an update on the ECSO Funding Committee discussing how to appropriately fund ECSO for all agency users.

DEPUTY CHIEF BATES

Deputy Chief Bates shared a volunteer flyer explaining the integration of a fire service program through South Medford High School.

Bates shared the District has proactively posted the Community Care position. There aren't any open positions currently, however the District does have providers that are on firefighter lists.

DIVISION CHIEF PATTERSON

Division Chief Patterson shared an OSFM grant has been submitted with review in February. The District has also submitted for a fuels reduction dump bed trailer that will be coming soon.

Patterson shared the NW Youth Corp will begin March 6th staying at the Dodge Bridge facility. Patterson toured the Agate Lake project with Captain Kassab and the patrons are encouraged.

Patterson shared the mobile home that was loaned to Jacksonville is now at Agate Lake with the opportunity for another resident.

Patterson shared information regarding area fires complimenting the crews and their quick work.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Deputy Chief Bates requested the surplus of two water tenders. They are older and the District does not have currently have anyone certified to drive and new tenders will be arriving soon.

Motion by Director Shafer to declare as surplus the 1991 Ford Tender and the 1994 Ford Tender as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Hussey shared that CAO Maxwell and Division Chief Patterson have embarked on attending a rigorous NORCO class and he has received confirmation that they are outstanding students and contributors to the class.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick shared information about a lifelong neighbor who is struggling with aftereffects of a major stroke and needed help. When calling 911, Dimick asked for Community Care to respond who made a terrible situation bearable.

Steve Shafer good job to Stacy and John and they are doing the District proud.

Harvey Tonn reiterated the importance of the Community Care program.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert