

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

April 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Lorin Myers, Mark Northrop, Dave LaCombe, and Josh Platt

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated March 16, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of March totaled \$387,318 with the majority coming from current year taxes, prior taxes, and interest income.

Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$1,606,000 with personnel services at \$1,318,550 and materials and services at \$202,800 and capital fund at \$84,000.

Accounts payable equated to \$428,000 with noteworthy items being new recliners for the Eagle Point station, painting at the White City station, apparatus door repair, and the annual fee for ImageTrend which supports technology and various capital expenditures for the new staff vehicles and cargo van.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chaplain Myers thanked the Board and the District for the support and response that has been shared with him and his wife who passed away from Pancreatic cancer. He loves being the District Chaplain.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY

Fire Chief Hussey shared that the District solidified an agreement with Mercy Flights and a procedure to dispatch our resources billing Mercy Flights monthly for transport with a flat reimbursement rate. This will be reviewed annually.

Hussey shared our training chief has resigned and the District is actively recruiting to fill this position. The goal is to have a chief in place by June to assist with the firefighter academy.

Hussey shared the District met with Rogue Community College (RCC). RCC is making changes in fire service leadership and some concerns have come up within the District and the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs. A meeting will take place with the area fire chiefs and RCC to discuss the concerns.

Hussey shared the Alliance met and is moving toward updating the IGA which will provide help in training, company officer development and coaching. The agreement will provide a fair cost recovery for services. The feedback from the other fire chiefs is that their Boards have felt the last two meetings have been very productive.

DEPUTY CHIEF BATES

Deputy Chief Bates shared the District continues to work on the Rogue Music Festival, BC Cohee will be on the incident management team and Michelle Frazier coordinating the medics on scene.

Bates shared three firefighter candidates have gone through backgrounds with a fourth candidate ins currently in backgrounds. The new community care provider has also completed the background process and will begin soon.

Bates shared that Oregon Health Authority has suspended the mask requirement.

Bates shared that six District members are taking a Drone certification class in the Scenic classroom.

Bates shared that a live fire training that will take place at the airport in May. This is a required training for the airport in which the District will participate.

Bates shared that District volunteers are actively training.

Bates shared that he and Captain Ian Kassab will be presenting at the IAFF conference in Nashville sharing all the ways the District has been able to integrate risk reduction efforts into the community.

DIVISION CHIEF PATTERSON

Division Chief Patterson shared that the department has been working on many facilities projects.

Patterson shared the NW Youth Corps leaves on May 11th and have helped 40 homes and have been staying at the Dodge Bridge facility, the coordinator has expressed appreciation for the use of the facility.

Patterson shared the Agate Lake project is moving forward and a new 14-foot dump bed trailer is coming from the OSFM grant program. This will give the District two fuels mitigation trailers.

Patterson shared that the Dodge Bridge fuels reduction site should be open next week and will be tracking differently asking patrons to scan the QR code providing information on where they live, how many loads, and how do they transport the loads.

Patterson shared the JPAL study will be sending over 750 postcards to the community incentivizing patrons to have defensible space and to mitigate fuels on their property. Some patrons will receive cards offering different amounts of money. This is a random selection process to find out how people will incentivize themselves to care for their property ranging from \$500, \$250, and information only.

Patterson shared that Columbia Distribution will move to a location on Avenue G with a large commercial business. Metal Masters, and a laminated timber industry is also coming into the area.

Patterson shared the low hazard inspections businesses will learn how to do self-inspections with the opportunity for help if necessary.

Patterson shared that volunteers Nancy DeMond, Bob Patterson, and Mike Bureau have been recognized through the Risk Reduction department.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Hussey shared that Community Care Paramedic, Michelle Frazier will be recognized at the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association annual conference for her work with the Frazier bags.

Fire Chief Hussey shared that volunteer Joe Glenn passed away today. Joe was a volunteer in 1971, and hired in 1985, retiring in 2002. Joe was a staple of this organization.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick congratulate DFM Northrop and DFM Darnell for their acting debut on the 2nd season of Growing Belushi.

Bill Leavens stated the initial budget presentation was good.

Tim Snaith stated that he along with Stacy Maxwell and John Patterson have graduated from the National Association Leadership program, this has been an outstanding program and he highly recommends we continue to send people to it. It has helped him in his leadership.

Harvey Tonn stated the newsletter that came was really well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Board of Directors

Submitted by:



Margie Calvert