

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

September 21, 2023 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: Bill Leavens

Staff Present: Mike Hussey, Justin Bates, Stacy Maxwell, Ryan Dickerson, Margie Calvert, and Mark Northrop

Staff Absent: John Patterson

Visitors Present: Lorin Myers, Josh Platt, Sara Miller, Michelle Frazier, Jake Petty, Karli Baird, Eric Merrill, Travis Linville, Garrett Byrd, and Joey Forrest

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and advertised in the Rogue Valley Times on September 14, 2023.

OATH OF POSITION

Fire Chief Hussey administered the Oath of Position to newly hired Division Chief Ryan Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated August 17, 2023 and the Executive Session dated September 6, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of August totaled \$76,000.

Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$1,675,000 with personnel services at \$1,547,000 and materials and services at \$127,765.

Accounts payable equated to \$436,000 with August being routine for the month. The prior fiscal year has been paid out and closed. Noteworthy items for August is repair to the training hydrants, iPad purchases for the apparatus and other technology items, capital expenditures for the F550 wildland units are beginning and the Dodge Bridge refurbishment has begun.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY

Fire Chief Hussey shared the Board of Directors met with WFCA representative Randy Groom to understand the District viewpoint for the Deputy Fire Chief position. The position opened today.

Hussey shared that yesterday the District signed on the property north (S&B James Building). The property has closed, and two leases have been executed as they continue to work in the building.

Hussey shared information on the fire map that was introduced a couple years ago from ODF and OSFM in conjunction with SB 762. A new map was presented to the Jackson County Commissioners who represented the region well asking important questions. The appeal process and introduction to the community have not been defined. Chief Hussey will keep the Board informed as more information comes.

DEPUTY CHIEF BATES

Deputy Chief Bates shared the data report provided sharing there were 793 incidents for August. There were 16 structures fires and 18 wildland incidents.

Bates gave an update on Community Care vehicles stating that the program is again responding in the interceptors instead of the ambulance.

Bates shared the Response Services department is working on different programs including CAD updates, wildland response programming, and updating hydrant placement in the cities of Eagle Point and Gold Hill. The technology department also has many projects.

Bates shared the firefighter hiring process is currently open. Rogue Community College (RCC) begins next week. The District currently supports three 2nd year students, one 3rd year student, and five new 1st year students for a total of nine students this year.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL NORTHROP

Deputy Fire Marshal Northrop shared the Target Hazard Tour is at Timber Products and all are invited.

Northrop shared District 6 and District 9 school inspections are beginning with a new voice evaluation system upgrade.

Northrop shared that Ed's Oasis in Eagle Point has been cleaned up. An industrial propane facility will be on the corner of Agate and Antelope.

Northrop shared DFM Sara Miller has been assisting the Eagle Point schools and city to develop plans for fire hazard mitigation and safety including vegetation removal on government property and providing safety assessments for the schools.

Northrop shared the Western Fire Chiefs research project has 10% of the homes protected and the District is in the lead for inspections statewide.

DIVISION CHIEF DICKERSON

Division Chief Dickerson reported that FD1 and FD4 will join the District on the Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) and begin the onboarding of all three agencies.

Dickerson shared that Elissa Denton with CenterPoint has provided mental health and wellness training in which Captains and above were trained on awareness and resiliency; in the next month the training will be open to the other District members. Guy Perrin also with CenterPoint began leadership training. Multiple law enforcement agencies have also taken advantage of the training grounds.

Dickerson shared that the Rogue Community College (RCC) fire academy begins next week and both agencies are working to clean up the training grounds. Battalion Chief Cohee and Medford Fire Battalion Chief Kip Grey are working with Ashland and Fire District 5 training on mutual aid Mayday activation protocols.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEXATION REQUEST of 3946 KANE CREEK ROAD, CENTRAL POINT

Fire Chief Hussey addressed the annexation request for 3946 Kane Creek Road, Central Point. 3946 Kane Creek Road meets all five conditions as outlined.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the request to annex the property listed as 3946 Kane Creek Road, Central Point into the District. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION REQUEST of 3953 KANE CREEK ROAD, CENTRAL POINT

Fire Chief Hussey addressed the annexation request for 3953 Kane Creek Road, Central Point. 3953 Kane Creek Road meets all five conditions as outlined.

Motion by Director Snaith to approve the request to annex the property listed as 3953 Kane Creek Road, Central Point into the District. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION REQUEST of 3985 KANE CREEK ROAD, CENTRAL POINT

Fire Chief Hussey addressed the annexation request for 3985 Kane Creek Road, Central Point. 3985 Kane Creek Road meets all five conditions as outlined.

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the request to annex the property listed as 3985 Kane Creek Road, Central Point into the District. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW SDAO BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Board Director Snaith has agreed to review the SDAO Best Practices Checklist with Fire Chief Hussey. Executive Assistant Calvert will schedule an appointment with Director Snaith and Chief Hussey.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick it is getting kind of cold in the morning.

Harvey Tonn was pleased with the signing of the property and stated that we seem to be ahead of schedule, and he is looking forward to the avenues open to us.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert