

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

October 19, 2023 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Mike Hussey, Stacy Maxwell, Ryan Dickerson, Margie Calvert, and John Patterson

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Josh Platt

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 October 14, 2023.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated September 21, 2023 and the Executive Session dated October 17, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of September totaled \$99,700. The Capital Fund shows a \$1,000 for the sale of the 1999 Pierce engine to Lakeview Fire.

Expenditures for the month of September totaled \$3,392,000 with personnel services at \$1,026,000, materials and services at \$184,000, and capital outlay at \$2,181,000 for the purchase of property and budgeted vehicles.

Accounts payable equated to \$2,508,000 for September. Noteworthy items for September are the annual renewal for the Vector Solutions management system, and the purchase of the last wildland apparatus as well as the purchase of the S&B James property.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY

Fire Chief Hussey shared information about the Natural Hazard Mitigation plan (NHM) that Jackson County Emergency Management maintains opens funding opportunities for the District. This is the first time the District, Eagle Point, and Gold Hill have been added to the plan. All of the cities the District provides coverage to are also added to the NHM. This is on the website and will be on the December agenda for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Hussey provided an update from the Governor's Wildfire Policy Council regarding the map from SB82 sharing the hazard map must be disconnected from the insurance rates or policies. Dave Honeycut is the chair of the council who is also the president of the Oregon Property Owners Association and the previous executive director of Oregonians in Action.

Hussey shared the rural fire protection taskforce is designed to address the under protected areas outside the District boundaries. Questions regard whose obligation it is to provide protection and where does the funding come from. This study will be delivered in January.

Hussey shared that Zonhaven will continue for the next three years.

Hussey shared the response data sheet provided by DSS Deutshman explaining that the response appeared to be balanced throughout the District.

DIVISION CHIEF PATTERSON

Division Chief Patterson shared the District is moving to a new platform for occupancy management. The platform will help streamline functionality for responding units and pre-incident planning.

Patterson shared he attended a meeting at OSFM and other participating exempt jurisdictions. Acknowledging that fire service everywhere has the same struggles and Patterson expressed he is blessed to be a part of Fire District 3. The group is excited to follow the Districts progress and innovative programs, especially defensible space work and wildfire safety programs.

Patterson shared the District is planning an outreach open house at the Scenic Station on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00 – 2:00 focusing on cooking safety, fire extinguishers, and the Community Care program. There will be information on the chipper and the trailer program as well as many displays and stations.

Patterson shared that DFM Steve Darnell and his family are doing well. His son Carsen continues to improve. Steve passes along his thanks to everyone who has reached out to offer support and encouragement. Steve feels very blessed to be part of Fire District 3.

Patterson gave an update on the building projects throughout the District.

DIVISION CHIEF DICKERSON

Division Chief Dickerson reported he is working with Dr. Bond, the supervising physician for the District, to help with the standing orders for all the different departments in Jackson County. Dr. Bond will be personally involved in some of the training with the crews.

Dickerson shared he has met with the DPSST supervisor who has toured the District.

Dickerson reported that Fire District 3 and Medford Fire Department will work together with DPSST to host Fire Officer III and IV classes after the first of the year. The two-year training calendar has been created offering multi-agency training and the Blue Card incident command system opportunities.

Dickerson shared the three newly hired firefighters are doing excellent. Next week will be a community care assessment center and a firefighter assessment center will take place in November.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW SDAO BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Fire Chief Hussey and Board Director Shafer reported on the Best Practices Checklist that focused on emergency planning and management in which the District received the full 10 percent credit.

NEW BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Fire Chief Hussey explained the process for the upcoming strategic planning session scheduled for November 14th and 15th. A survey has gone out to determine which of the three time slots the Board and Budget Committee, the community business and public safety members as well as the District members would like to participate in.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Hussey thanked Timber Products for the donation of a dumpster that was noticed by a member during a Target Hazard Tour. The member made inquiries of the dumpster and Timber Products made the donation to the District.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick shared that his 9-year-old grandson's class field trip was to Crater Lake. Afterwards he saw a post on Facebook about a rescue and he shared it with his grandson. Dimick also mentioned the accident in which the crews were able to help the victim.

Bill Leavens confessed that he had a difficult burn pile to extinguish. He now understands the need for Biomass.

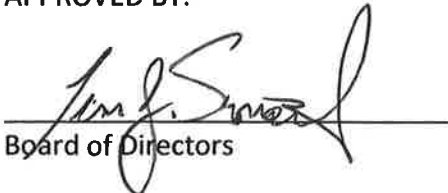
Steve Shafer that John Patterson and Ryan Dickerson gave good reports.

Harvey Tonn shared the Scenic park was seeded yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:


Board of Directors

Submitted by:


Margie Calvert