

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

January 16, 2020 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Directors Harvey Tonn, Cindy Hauser, John Dimick, Steve Shafer, and Bill Leavens

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Horton, Stacy Maxwell, Mike Hussey, Justin Bates, John Patterson, Dave Blakely and Margie Calvert

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Lorin Myers, Jeff Bancroft, TJ Lockwood, Brian Anders, Cody Clark, Corbin Davey, and Rob Miller

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640 and as advertised in the Mail Tribune dated January 9, 2020.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Leavens to approve the regular Board minutes dated December 19, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of December totaled \$10,983,130. Revenue resulted from current year taxes.

Expenditures for the month of December totaled \$632,700. Expenses were routine in nature. Noteworthy expenditures were ImageTrend and International Public Safety Data Institute for the records management system and the final payment for the budgeted SCBAs.

Motion by Director Hauser to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for December 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chaplain Myers publically thanked everyone for the donation of the car. Firefighter Patrick Bailey organized the purchase through donations. The firefighter family truly cares.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Fire Chief Horton gave a progress report on the current Strategic Plan. The District is in year three of the three year plan. Goals have been completed in all five of the strategic initiatives. The District will begin the process of a new strategic plan in the fall.

Horton shared the updated Organizational Chart effective on January 1, 2020 reflecting the part-time Community Engagement Coordinator, the future Community Risk Reduction membership, and the re-organization of the Fire and Life Safety Division into Strategic Services. The Organizational chart is depicted in two perspectives; Personnel Accountability and Functional Responsibility.

Horton shared that legislative season began. The office of emergency management could be taken out from under the military and into their own state department, the same approach for the office of the state fire marshal which falls under the state police, and committees have been meeting regarding the Governor's Wildfire Council.

Horton shared that the memorial for Battalion Chief Rod Edwards was a moving service and several members were able to attend the service for the first Fire Chief, Richard Krupp who passed away.

Horton shared the ASA Ordinance revision meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 to evaluate the experiences that the system had during 2019 and determine the next steps. ECSO is hosting consultants to provide training and guidance to agency partners, ECSO dispatch, and the entire EMS community for a review of the ASA Ordinance and system.

OPERATIONS

Deputy Chief Hussey shared that Supervising Physician Dr. Kellerher, and Firefighters Kelly Harrington and Mark Tomasello met with Mercy Flights to collaborate on 34 revisions to the EMS protocols that will take affect February 1, 2020.

Hussey shared Captain TJ Lockwood and his crew recently welcomed Senator Golden on a ride-along and answered questions concerning the area wildfire situation.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Division Chief Blakely shared that the joint Firefighter Recruit Academy with Medford Fire –Rescue begins on Monday, February 3rd introducing Firefighter Rob Miller as the Academy Coordinator for Fire District 3 with eight total recruits.

Blakely shared that the new training plan has begun with an opportunity to interact with the Target Solutions program.

Blakely shared that there were no injuries or near misses at the beginning of the year.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Fire Marshal Patterson shared the accomplishments of the division in December noting that five separate fires took place at the same address in December. The District is currently working with the sheriff's department to determine what can be done in the future. In 2019, 1,015 smoke alarms were installed by on-duty crews and during separate events.

Patterson gave a quick update on the Scenic fire station stating that the avenue work continues with two lanes of traffic open.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Deputy Chief Bates shared that on January 1st, the District began using ImageTrend for the reporting software that is iPad based and the SCBA's are now in service.

Bates shared the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) plans what the area would do during a major natural event. The first LEPC meeting will be next week, this is the first time the valley has had this type of group.

Bates shared that the Community Care Units have moved forward and will be introduced during an update to the Budget Committee later this month.

Bates shared the work that the SOU Intern has been doing in Gold Hill with Resident Volunteer Jordan Bates to determine the community risk in the area and what action will need to take place to reduce risk.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2019 OREGON FIRE CODE

Fire Marshal Patterson explained the significant changes to the 2019 Oregon Fire Code (OFC) which establishes minimum fire safety requirements as well as addressing fire prevention, fire protection, life safety, safe storage, and use of hazardous materials. The OFC provides a total approach toward controlling hazards in all buildings and sites, regardless of the hazard being indoors or outdoors.

The ordinance process will begin at the February Board meeting.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fire Chief Horton reminded the Board that the 2019 Appreciation Dinner is on February 1, 2020 at the Schoolhaus Brewhaus in Jacksonville and the SDAO Annual Conference will be held in Seaside, Oregon on February 7-9, 2020.

Fire Chief Horton congratulated Deputy Chief Justin Bates who has been appointed to the Intterra Implementation and Oversight Committee for the state. This is a joint partnership with Oregon Department of Forestry and the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Fire Chief Horton mentioned the gift of a canvas from the Bay Art Academy in Sonoma County for the help received during this fire season.

Happy Birthday to Battalion Chief Jeff Bancroft.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bill Leavens never been to a Board meeting that the audience has been predominately FD3 employees. Appreciates having them here.

Steve Shafer very good meeting.

John Dimick had a serious situation with a cow and did not want to have Fire District 3 come help him.

Harvey Tonn stated the next Board of Directors meeting is February 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. by Director Dimick. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Board of Directors

Submitted by:



Margie Calvert, Scribe