

# ***Jackson County Fire District 3***

Minutes - Board of Directors

May 18, 2023 at 5:15 PM, Crater Lake Room, Administrative Building via ZOOM

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## **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Board Absent:** Bill Leavens

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Visitors Present:** Lorin Myers, Josh Platt, and Jason Allen

President Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.640.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated April 20, 2023 and the Executive Session dated May 4, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Revenue for the month of April totaled \$110,000 with the majority coming from current year taxes and interest income.

Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$1,246,000 with personnel services at \$ 1,200,000 and materials and services at \$285,332 and capital fund at \$6,900.

Accounts payable equated to \$424,600 with noteworthy items being the Spring newsletter production and postage, replacement of engine and turbos of staff vehicle SV16-01, a covered patio project at White City, and garage door openers for the Central Point station.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY**

Fire Chief Hussey shared a training event for the Fire Defense Board Chiefs to discuss processes and assignment of apparatus to incidents. The District has a verbal agreement with District 9 to host outside sources if necessary. District 6 would also host if necessary.

Hussey shared information about Southern Oregon EMS Apprenticeship (SOEMSAP) grant funds; a unique school program designed to provide a wage for those in the EMS Paramedic program. Phase one includes Ashland Fire Rescue, FD1 (Rogue River), Medford Fire Department, and FD3 hosting paramedics throughout the year that are in the program. The program is designed for the students to earn a wage while going to school. The District would have an opportunity to host two students in the Community Care program.

Hussey shared information on HR 1586, the use of fire retardant. EPA states that fire retardant is an allowable use, the clean water act states there must be a permit. The District has signed a petition as a special district to support legislation allowing the use of retardant.

### **DEPUTY CHIEF BATES**

Deputy Chief Bates shared the District is getting ready for fire season. The Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs (RVFCA) met at the District to coordinate efforts during the season.

Bates shared the ladder truck has moved from White City station to Central Point station due to an ISO suggestion of need. Response stays the same, location is different.

Bates shared that he and Captain Kassab went to Nashville to sharing the integration of risk reduction into the culture of the region.

Bates shared the District is providing brush rigs to assist the burning of brush piles with Central Point and Lomakatsi. The City owns the property and Lomakatsi is able to burn, and the District will provide resources.

Bates shared the District will participate in live fire training at the airport, four firefighter recruits will begin academy in June with two members facilitating the academy. A Training Chief candidate is currently in the background process.

#### **DIVISION CHIEF PATTERSON**

Division Chief Patterson shared a risk reduction map that shows the chipper, home assessment, and fuels trailer efforts in the District.

Patterson shared the District participated with the Master Gardeners event and will be at the Gold Hill Clean-up day.

Patterson shared SORED and Jackson County Services are discussing allowable building heights in the industrial area. They would like to change the current rule of 65 feet. A constraint is the airport flight path.

Patterson shared the BIOMASS infra-red camera system is up and has a great amount of information that will enhance the safety of everyone. BIOMASS also had a boiler failure that will eliminate the movement of the pile.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TERM EXPIRATION**

Fire Chief Hussey shared that Commissioner Dan Patterson's 4-year term expires in June 2023. Commissioner Patterson is interested in continuing his service on the Commission. After discussion, the Board of Directors will reappoint Dan Patterson to another 4-year term as Civil Service Commissioner expiring June 2027.

##### **FIRE DISTRICT 3 ANNUAL REPORT**

Fire Chief Hussey shared and explained the 2022 Annual Report.

#### **TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA**

**NONE**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**NONE**

#### **INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

John Dimick has moved cows to eat down the grass to keep the fire fuels down, explaining there is a lot of growth out there.

Tim Snaith asked Chief Hussey how the District is feeling now that fire season is getting close and what is it looking like with resources state and/or federal? Chief Hussey shared that Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is fully staffed in Medford with aircraft similar to last year; there is a unique resource option with the sea planes in Roseburg, and a helicopter in Klamath Falls. There has been good rain and good green up. See how hot and fast summer comes. VLAT carries gel, ODF carries retardant, which will depend on whether they can use it. We have the ability to get on a fire quicker, however, no can predict the human cause of fire.

Steve Shafer stated he is very proud to be part of this organization because everyone does such a good job and offered thanks.

Harvey Tonn shared the Crater Foundation had three young people who are interested in fire service receive scholarships, one came from Fire District 3 and one from RVFCA. The Foundation gave \$365,000 in scholarships to 165 kids.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. by Director Shafer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:

  
Board of Directors

Submitted by:

  
Margie Calvert