

Jackson County Fire District 3

Minutes - Board of Directors

March 21, 2024 at 5:15 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, Ryan Dickerson, John Patterson, and Margie Calvert

Staff Absent: None

Visitors Present: Mike McBride, Lorin Myers, Loris Fenner, Jeff Fenner, Curtis Fenner, Brenlie Fenner, Craig Anders, and Tyler Lockwood.

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 March 14, 2024.

RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE

Fire Chief Hussey recognized Chaplain Lorin Myers for his 15 years of dedicated service as Fire District 3's chaplain. Hussey acknowledged that the District appreciates everything Chaplain Myers does for the District and the community.

Chief Hussey also recognized Volunteer Craig Anders who resides at the Agate Lake volunteer station and is also the Fire Chief for the Lakecreek community. Anders leads the volunteer training and is a mentor to the volunteers at Fire District 3.

Board President Tonn also thanked both volunteers for their service.

MINUTES

Motion by Director Dimick to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated February 15, 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue for the month of February totaled \$219,472. Revenue from current taxes and interest earned.

Expenditures for the month of February totaled \$1,713,000 with personnel services at \$1,411,100 and materials and services at \$302,000. Accounts are trending as expected.

Accounts payable equated to \$474,800 for February. Noteworthy items are suppression hose, winter term tuition for five students, uniform attire, and annual technology subscriptions.

Motion by Director Shafer to approve the Accounts Payable and the Revenue/Expenditure reports for February 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE CHIEF HUSSEY

Fire Chief Hussey introduced Division Chief Mike McBride who joined the team on Monday sharing office space with Will Clelland. McBride comes to the District from San Diego Fire.

Hussey gave an update on the Scenic park property sharing that School District 6 would like to transfer the ownership of the park area next to the station to the school. There will be a resolution next month.

Hussey shared the ASA ordinance review will begin through Jackson County. The County has hired a Matt Sevesky to review the ordinance. Sevesky has already been integral as he has testified in front of the Congressional Ways and Means Committee as the lead for the EMS modernization program.

Hussey shared that ECSO was granted a fund of \$2.5 million dollars at the close of legislation towards the \$4.6 million dollars. This lowers the deficit to \$2.1 million. There are requests for Congressional funding towards the tower project.

Hussey shared that Federal OSHA released a new standard on emergency response that was initiated in 2002. There is a public comment period until May 9, 2024 to review the 200 plus page document that has significant standards that no fire service will be able to accomplish. OFCA, SDAO, and Oregon OSHA are currently reviewing the document. Oregon is a state that recognizes federal OSHA and must adopt federal rules. FD3 is signing on to an SDAO letter asking for this to be revoked or revised along with a letter from OFCA. This will force the District to recognize 22 NFPA standards. Currently NFPA is a recommendation not a requirement.

DIVISION CHIEF PATTERSON

Division Chief Patterson shared the Northwest Youth Corp will be housed at the Sams Valley Station and will be in the area until May.

Patterson shared the Risk Reduction Crew Supervisor position was launched and the application process will close on April 3rd.

Patterson shared information on a fire on Hillside acknowledging the crews did a great job knocking down the fire.

Patterson also shared the Dodge Bridge dropsite will continue to be closed until the ground dries. Patterson noted that the trailer has been used three times more than last year. The people in the community are doing a great job cleaning their homes.

DIVISION CHIEF DICKERSON

Division Chief Dickerson shared the District updated the agreement with Rogue Community College for use of the training grounds.

Dickerson shared the Recruit Academy 24-01 is at the halfway point. Midterms today and they will continue working hard.

Dickerson shared the District sent eight members to the Northwest Leadership Seminar in Portland with the largest group from southern Oregon.

BATTALION CHIEF CLELLAND

Battalion Chief Clelland shared that he and Chief McBride attended the regional operations meeting with Josephine and Jackson County. Ten years ago the District initiated a regional protocol process with the City of Medford. We are now on the cusp of being a regional tool with all agencies from both counties ready to sign on. Four agencies responded to a fire in Jacksonville which proved that the protocols were the reason for a successful outcome. Jacksonville has signed on with Ashland and Medford as part of the regional operations.

Clelland shared we purchased the tether drone that was budgeted and has already been used during events.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

WAGE AND BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Directors Leavens and Dimick were appointed to the Wage and Benefit Committee to review non-bargaining wages and benefits.

TOPICS FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA

Chief Hussey shared that the Jacksonville City Manager reached out and asked if the District would consider offering a proposal for future fire and EMS services to Jacksonville. The Chief will be meeting with the City Manager on April 9th. Director Steve Shafer is interested in attending. Chief Hussey will bring forward information as it comes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Dimick shared an medical emergency story regarding his son giving good EMS information to a friend at the machinery auction luncheon that may well have saved his life as he had a cardiac event.

Steve Shafer shared he thoroughly enjoyed the awards banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. by Director Leavens. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Board of Directors

Submitted by:



Margie Calvert