



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
December 19, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present: David Jacobs, Corey Case, Diana Bailey, Dave Peters, and Dick Schaffield.

Staff present: Chief Bob Palmer, Division Chief Fred Coleman, Division Chief Jay Wood, Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler, and Assistant Chief David Jensen via video conference.

Others present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and private citizen Walter Denstedt.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

Minutes of the November 21, 2022, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Private citizen Walter Denstedt spoke regarding the union contract negotiations and the pay wage. He felt it was in the right direction. He also stated that he would like the board to try and slow down the turnover of line staff. No other comments and no one online.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Director Peters asked if the board was happy with the balance sheets. Director Bailey and Director Case stated they were satisfied with what is being provided. Director Case noted, based on his experience, reports are typically run in a specific format based on the database program being



utilized. Chief Palmer stated that he and Office Manager Ziegler would review how the reports are generated. There were no other comments.

- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – There were no comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Bailey stated that there was nothing to report, the next meeting would be December 20, 2022.
- b. Enterprise Zone Report – President Jacobs stated he nothing new to report.

9. FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- a. Fire Chiefs Report – Included in board packet. Chief Palmer gave a brief update on each item he included in his report and spoke briefly about the trend of Firefighters not staying in one place for very long. He stated a representative of the Oregon State FF Council had stated this is not an isolated issue and is not only problematic throughout the state, but nationally. Director Case asked if all positions are filled, Chief Palmer stated that we do still have positions to fill including a Lt. Position.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen, included in board packet. Chief Palmer read through Chief Jensen's report giving a brief description of each item included in the report.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Wood, included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Coleman, included in board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-09 "A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget for FY 2022-23. Chief Palmer read over the information sheet pointing out that there were two corrections that were made both on the information sheet and in the Resolution. He stated that Director Case had pointed out the discrepancy. The value of line 21 was moved to line 19 and the value of 19 was move to line 21. Chief Palmer went through each line item on the Supplemental Budget giving a reason for each increase to that line. Discussion followed. Director Case made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for FY 2022-23, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures from and within the General Fund and Building Reserve Fund of the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Adopted Budget with the noted changes to Line 19 and Line 21. Director Bailey seconded. President Jacobs asked All in favor. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.



13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Bailey stated that the Fire District Christmas party was great and thanked the staff that organized the event. Chief Jensen stated that only 2 people from the line crew couldn't make the party because they were out of town. He stated that the party was very well attended.

The board members and staff will attend their annual Christmas dinner upon conclusion of the board meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:14pm.



Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer