



MINUTES

Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
March 15, 2021

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the March 15, 2021 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Jacobs.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present via video conference: David Jacobs, David Peters, and Mike Cronin. Diana Bailey attended the meeting at Station 1. Dick Shaffeld was absent.

Staff present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistant Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Fred Coleman, Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler, Firefighter Erik Wright, and Firefighter Noah Smith. Division Chief Jay Wood was excused.

Others present: Tom Peachey, Legal Counsel via video conference. Jaclyn LaMar, Randall Carr, Shelly Fisk, Amy Crichton-Tunai, and Joe Davitt were all present at Station 1. Social distancing was provided for.

President Jacob's asked Legal Counsel Peachey if the Public Meeting Law needed to be read. Peachey stated there was no requirement to read the rules. Public Access information was made available prior to the meeting. The District had twelve members of the public attending the meeting via video conference: Kylee Simanttel, Liddie Wilbur, Aydia Carr, Tiffany Jurgens, Vera Emesiochl, Heather Williams, Brooklyn Coleman, Robin Coleman, Joseph Goter Haythorn, Austin Malcolm, Nicholas Raphael, and Jo Cruz.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.



5. MINUTES

The minutes for the February 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were not approved as presented. Discussion determined that the motion made by Director Peters did not meet the intent of the Board. The minutes will be reviewed by legal counsel and re-submitted at the next regular meeting for consideration by the Board on April 19, 2021.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. INFO SHEET – CITIZEN LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Chief Palmer read through the background related to the Citizen Life Saving Awards. He also read through the specifics of the event that transpired where several employees from the Fred Meyer's store were instrumental in saving the life of an elderly gentleman along with the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue personnel. Chief Palmer then handed out the Citizen Life Saving Award Certificates to Jaclyn LaMar, Randall Carr, Shelly Fisk, Amy Crichton-Tunai and to 911 Manager Joe Davitt. He then presented the Citizen Life Saving Award Certificates to Firefighter Erik Wright and Firefighter Noah Smith. They will also be receiving a CPR lifesaving challenge coin. Chief Palmer also recognized and had certificates for Captain Steve Brown, Lieutenant Eric Blumenthal, Firefighter Hal Woods, Firefighter William Adams, and Firefighter Michael Howard. They were not in attendance.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Cash Account Summary: No Comment made.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report: No comment made.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Cronin stated he had nothing to report, there had been no meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021.
- b. Enterprise Zone Report – Strategic Investment Program. President Jacob along with Chief Palmer, Assistant Chief Jensen, and Division Chief Wood meet with Google representatives to discuss their Emergency Management Response (EMR) plan and what is required for their plan to be approved by Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. The NFPA Standard is the recommended standard referenced for the required level of service. Chief Jensen compiled a letter referencing the NFPA Standards to reflect the deficiencies that MCFR has identified, which are significant.



President Jacob's and Chief Palmer drafted a letter to Google stating the deficiencies identified must be addressed before the District would consider moving forward in the permitting process. Another meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021 with the Google representatives.

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REORT

- a. Incident Report: There were 223 calls for service in February, there were 210 calls in 2019. YTD was 488, in 2019 there were 453.
- b. Fire Chief Update: Chief Palmer updated the Board on the different projects in process. Included in the Board packet.
- c. Assistant Chief Jensen's Report: Included in Board Packet
- d. Division Chief Coleman's Report: Included in Board Packet
- e. Division Chief Wood's Report: Was not included in Board Packet. Chief Palmer spoke a little bit about what DC Wood has been working on. DC Wood has been working with First Due on this app and has been training the Firefighters on its use. Chief Palmer and DC Wood have been spending considerable time writing Grants.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Wasco County Assessor Jill Amery. The letter was to inform County Taxing Districts that two property tax appeals had been settled. The first settlement agreement was between Charter Communications and the Department of Revenue and the second settlement agreement was with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company. There is also a new appeal being made by CenturyLink. With the two appeals settled there is hope that the Taxing Districts will get a piece of the settlement.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Sheet – Surplus Property. Exhibit A. Director Bailey made a motion to approve all items on Exhibit A as surplus. Director Peters seconded. Motion carries with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.



14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourned from regular session to Executive Session at 6:27pm in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing. Adjourned from Executive Session to regular session at 7:17 p.m.

15. REGULAR SESSION

Regular session reconvened at 7:19 p.m. President Jacobs asked the Board how they wanted to handle their concerns over the motion made at the February 2021 Board meeting. The recommendation was made to address the minutes, motion, and associated salary scale at the April 2021 Board meeting.

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Jacobs at 7:20 p.m.

Board President

Secretary/Treasurer