



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
August 15, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the August 15, 2022, meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Dave Peters, and Corey Case. Dick Schaffield and Diana Bailey were absent.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Division Chief Fred Coleman, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and Elizabeth Rovianek, family of Lt. Erik Wright, family of Captain Eric Blumenthal, on duty B Shift crew, and private citizen Walter Denstedt.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

New recruits will be introduced before the swearing in of Lt. Wright, and Captain Blumethal.

5. MINUTES

Minutes from the July 18, 2022, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Jacobs asked if there was anyone online that would like to comment, no one online, he then asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak. Walter Denstedt, private citizen spoke regarding the Single Role EMS program.

Introduction of the new recruits. Chief Palmer had the 3 new recruits step forward and introduced them to the board. We have 2 new Firefighter/EMT's Kameron Barone, and Greg Haner and then he introduced Dan Wagner who comes in as a Lieutenant. They will graduate from the academy on August 26, 2022. There will be a graduation with reception following starting at 4:00pm.



7. SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED LINE OFFICERS

Chief Palmer had Erik Wright come forward to be sworn in as a Lieutenant, his wife came forward to pin his badge on. Chief Palmer then presented Lt. Wright with his Statement of Appointment.

Lt. Eric Blumenthal was then called forward and sworn in as Captain, his dad stepped forward to pin his badge on. He was also presented with his Statement of Appointment.

8. FF DENSTEDT RETIREMENT AWARD

Chief Palmer presented FF Walter Denstedt with his retirement award, and recognized FF Denstedt for his dedication and service to the fire district for 30 years.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Financial Report – President Jacobs asked if there were any comments regarding the financial report. Director Case stated he was happy to see the Cash Summary report included. Director Case stated he would like to see a report that shows the balances in the different accounts. Chief Palmer stated that he would show the other reports that the financial director had sent to him and then decide which reports should be included.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – Chief Palmer went through the Ambulance Financial report that he was included in the board packet.
- c. Ambulance Service Payer Production Statistics – The graphs that were included in the board packet illustrate the Payer Mix percentages.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report –A written report submitted by Director Bailey was included in the board packet.
- b. Enterprise Zone – President Jacobs stated he had nothing new to report, however Chief Palmer included some updates in his Chief's report.

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief's Update – Chief Palmer provided an overview of the Fire Chief's report. He added that he had met with Google representatives regarding the Emergency Response Plan for Building 1 of the GOR project.

- a. Monthly Report – AC Jensen, included in Board Packet.
- b. Monthly Report – DC Coleman, included in Board Packet.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Wood, included in Board Packet.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status of Board training associated with SDIS Best Practices program. Chief Palmer asked the board members that were present if they had done the training, and each



stated they had. Chief Palmer also stated that Director Bailey, and Director Schaffeld had completed their training also. Chief Palmer will now complete the survey on Best Practices and submit it so that the district can receive a credit on the District's GL Insurance Premium.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. President Jacobs adjourned to Executive Session at 6:18pm.
- b. Executive Session adjourned by President Jacobs at 6:37pm to reenter the regular board meeting.

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Jacobs asked if there was anything for the Good of the Order. He did remind everyone that FF Walt Denstedt's retirement BBQ would be this coming weekend, August 20th and 21st.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.

Board President

Secretary/Treasurer