

MINUTES Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue Board of Directors Meeting In Person / Virtually Held 1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058 March 21, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the March 21, 2022, meeting of the 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, Diana Bailey, Dick Schaffeld. Dave Peters was excused on vacation.

Directors via video conference: Corey Case.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Division Chief Jay Wood, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler. Assistant Chief David Jensen and Division Chief Fred Coleman were excused.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Mark Sandri for Andrew Myers. Ken Bailey, Tyler Stone, Rich Mayes, Jill Amery, Teri Thalhofer.

Various audience members present for the Life Saving Awards Presentation, MCFR Line personnel: Pete Thalhofer, Walt Denstedt, Paul Lyons, Adam Cole, Curt Mason, Eric Blumenthal, Erik Wright, Uriel Barrios, Joe Russell, Jesse West.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

Chief Palmer requested that the Life Saving Awards presentation be moved up to take place before any public comment.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the February 28, 2022, regular meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Lifesaving Awards: Code Save – August 24, 2021 – President Jacobs turned the presentation of the awards over to Chief Palmer. Before Chief Palmer presented the awards to the recipients, he read a statement regarding cardiac arrests and why CPR is so important. After Chief Palmer read the statement, he then gave a brief statement about what transpired on the night of August 24, 2021, and how the code save



happened with bystanders and EMS Staff. Chief Palmer then handed out the awards to several bystanders and to the EMS Staff that helped save David Moyers life.

- b. Lifesaving Awards: Rescue Save January 25, 2022 Chief Palmer briefly described what took place on January 25, 2022, he stated that FF David Bandel and FF Adam Cole located a victim in a burning building and brought him to safety along with Captain Nick Ryan. Chief Palmer presented FF Cole with a Commendation Certificate for the save. FF Bandel and Captain Nick Ryan were not in attendance.
- c. Public Comment: Teri Thalhofer, 2826 W. 10th St, The Dalles OR. Ms. Thalhofer read a letter to the Board regarding the awards that were given out at tonight's meeting. Ken Bailey, 3900 Orchard Rd, The Dalles OR, Ken spoke briefly about the SIP process, he commended the fire district on staying the course. He would like the community to come to an agreement. There was no other public comment.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Cash Summary Report Per Chief Palmer, there was no Cash Summary Report due to bringing the Caselle Accounting program on-line.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report There was no comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report Director Bailey stated at the Urban Renewal meeting they adopted the 2022-2023 Urban Renewal Goals and Priority Projects. There was a review and discussion of a proposed draft for the Urban Renewal incentive program and Dan Spatz from Columbia Gorge Community College spoke about a BrewHub brewing facility.
- b. Enterprise Zone Report President Jacobs summarized what has been taking place with the SIP program. He stated there has been lots of discussion regarding the distribution of the CSF funds with the different tax districts that will be receiving the CSF funds. After President Jacobs spoke, he turned the floor over to County Administrator Tyler Stone and City Mayor Rich Mays. Mr. Stone and the Mayor both commented on how they would like to see the CSF funds distributed. There was much discussion that followed with plans on another meeting with the City and County to try to come to an agreement on the CSF funds.



9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Incident Reports/911 Statistics Chief Palmer stated there were 276 calls for service for the month of February, stated 6 of those calls were for fires. February 2021 there were 245 calls. Director Bailey stated she would like to see a column for percentages. Chief Palmer will add a column and figure the percentages for each meeting now.
- b. Fire Chief Report Chief Palmer briefly spoke about each item he included in his report, which is included in the Board packet. He also stated that the district will be transitioning to the updated strategic plan. The plan has been reviewed with the Board and Captains and he will be meeting with each shift to review the plan crew members.
- c. Monthly Report AC Jensen included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report DC Wood included in board packet.
- e. Monthly Report DC Coleman included in board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer