

MINUTES
Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtually Held
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
August 17, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the August 17, 2020 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Jacobs.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present via video conference: David Jacobs, David Peters, Diana Bailey and Mike Cronin.

Excused: Dick Schaffeld

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Fred Coleman, Division Chief, Jay Wood, Division Chief

Others: Tom Peachey and Andrew Myers, Legal Counsel

President Jacobs read the compliance and ground rules regarding video conferencing and public meeting law. This board meeting was conducted remotely in order to mitigate the transmission of the Coronavirus in accordance with Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-12 to suspend all public gatherings. Public access information was made available prior to the meeting. The District received no requests for accommodations by any members of the public and there were no members of the public who accessed the meeting via telephone or video conference.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

No changes to the agenda.

5. STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT

Fred Coleman has been promoted to Division Chief; Oath of Office given to Fred Coleman.

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6. MINUTES

The minutes from the July 20, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Cash Accounts Summary: Director Bailey expressed appreciation for the new chart presentation, Director Cronin asked about ambulance data. The Chief explained that the process is somewhat different now that the City is assisting and as a result the presentation of the information has changed.

b. Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet and reviewed by the Board.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Urban Renewal Report - Director Bailey: She attended the recent meeting of the Committee. The Granada project has been completed. They are looking at a development of a Mill Creek Greenway.

b. Enterprise Zone Report - President Jacobs: The City responded regarding planned Port commercial development. We are expecting an application and it should be subject to our LUDO requirement. We should be able to achieve some reimbursement through that process. There is a concern that the Google Phase 3 will not be subject to the new LUDO provision.

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 301 calls for service in the month of July.

Fire Chiefs Update: The Chief is working on selling the ladder truck and may try another vendor. A concern was raised about protecting the exposed equipment from the elements. No interest has been expressed from our partners in taking the ladder truck. The Chief is considering a sealed bid process. We are submitting GEMT grants. We have not received a response on the BIA contract. The Chief thinks it will not result in an agreement. The coaching project is ongoing. We should have an administrative assistant hired shortly. The IGA for accounting with the City of The Dalles is going quite smoothly. The training tower has had a small delay due to parts, but it is moving forward. The insurer has approved the process. The Mosier Creek Fire is winding down. 8 residences were destroyed in the fire, but it could have been very much worse.

Division Chief Jensen's Report: Operations: Presented in minutes. We are working on dispatching issues. Director Bailey pointed out the delay in billing due to loss of administrative staff.

Division Chief Coleman's Report: Training: Presented in minutes

Division Chief Wood's Report: Prevention: Presented in minutes

Other: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed a thank you from the Children of Lifeline Baptist Church. This was related to the Mosier Creek Fire.

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2020-06 "Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds". Director Bailey made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Peters. The Motion passed and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. The language encompassed within in the information sheet was corrected to reflect "Office clerk". The discussion included the acquisition of a new accounting software.

b. Information Sheet -Surplus Property: The Board reviewed a list of surplus property. A motion was made by Peters to declare these items surplus property. Bailey seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION


None

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER


Director Bailey commended the work on the Mosier Creek Fire by all agencies including law enforcement. President Jacobs concurred and said it was extremely fortunate to restrain it.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 6:30 p.m.



Board President



Secretary / Treasurer