



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
January 22, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs call the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Corey Case, Diana Bailey, and Walter Denstedt. Director Dick Schaffeld was absent.

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

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Meyers and private citizen Chris Schanno.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Jacobs asked if there was anyone online and then asked if there was any public that wished to comment. Private citizen Chris Schanno stated that he would like to address the Board. Mr. Shanno stated his address as 2575 Fax Rd, The Dalles OR. President Jacobs then read the public comment rules and stated that Mr. Schanno had 5 minutes to speak.

Mr. Schanno proceeded to make comment on the fire that occurred outside of the fire district located at 2445 Lower Eightmile Rd., The Dalles OR.



7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – There were no comments.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – There was no comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt provided a report on the meeting that took place on January 16, 2024. Director Denstedt stated that the board had voted on constructing a parking lot on Second Street and also spoke about the First Street revitalization project.

9. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- a. Fire Chief’s Report – Chief Palmer read through his report, giving a more detailed description of each item, which was included in the board packet.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen, included in board packet. Chief Palmer read through Chief Jensen’s report. Chief Palmer stated that there will be a Community Expectation Survey sent out to the community. There was considerable discussion regarding the survey. Chief Jensen explained the purpose of the survey.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Beckner, included in board packet
- d. Monthly Report – DC Wood, included in board packet.
- e. Monthly Report – DC Coleman, included in board packet.
- f. Strategic Plan Update included in board packet.
- g. Information Sheet – Fires and Emergencies outside the District Boundaries. Chief Palmer provided a brief description of what the information sheet stated. The information sheet addressed circumstances surrounding the structure fire that took place outside the district boundary on January 4, 2023. Some discussion followed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Flagstaff Retirement.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.



13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 at 18:30 p.m.

The board adjourned executive session at 18:58 p.m. Convened to regular session at 18:58 p.m.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:59 p.m.



Board President

Secretary/Treasurer