

# **MINUTES**

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Training Room, Station 1  
1400 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, Oregon  
May 19, 2014

## **1. ROLL CALL / AGENDA CHANGES**

Board President Robin Miles called the May 19, 2014 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:34 pm.

Directors present: Robin Miles, Tom Ashmore, Bill Wolfe and John Willer.

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Jay Wood, Division Chief; Dave Lapof, Division Chief; Dan Hammel, Division Chief; Dana Woods, Office Manager.

Others: Andrew Myers, Legal Counsel; Firefighter Erik Wright; Lieutenant Eric Blumenthal; Firefighter Justin Kriek; Engineer Walt Denstedt; Engineer Rick Harrington

Excused: Dick Schaffeld

## **2. MINUTES**

Director Ashmore moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting. Director Wolfe seconded. The motion passed with all voting yes.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **4. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Cash Accounts Summary: Included in board packet.

Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet.

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Miles had nothing new to report. Next Urban Renewal Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 20.

## 6. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 204 calls for service in the month of April. 166 were for EMS.

911 Usage: Usage was 11% for the month of April, no change from the prior month.

Training Division Report: Included in board packet.

Prevention Division Activities: Included in board packet.

Volunteer R&R Division Activities: Included in board packet. President Miles asked if we are seeing an increase in our number of volunteers. Div. Chief Lapof explained that for reasons beyond our control, we had 2 recruits complete the first Fire Academy. This academy, we have 7 recruits. The volunteer roster has changed considerably mostly due to inactive members that are no longer with the organization.

### Other:

1. Stacker Butte ODOT Sublease: Tower is in place – Lease agreement is in the process of being signed by all parties.
2. Stacker Butte WSDOT Sublease: Once this lease is in place, the site will be full.
3. Station 2 Renovation: Chief Palmer handed out a cost estimate to all of the Board Members. The proposed budget comes in a little over the Grant amount. The building committee will meet again to review the floor plan. The City and the County will also need to sign off on the proposed floor plan prior to going out for bid.
4. Chief Palmer handed out a copy of the latest SAL report from the County along with a copy of an article from The Chronicle regarding the proposed City/County Road District. The article states that existing compression could double or even have the potential to increase by 200%. The 2013 compression loss for the Fire District equates to about \$75,000. Doubling this would increase this amount to \$150,000. Increasing the 2013 compression loss by 200% would take this amount to \$225,000. The Chief asked for the Board's opinion on this matter. Director Ashmore feels that the District should draft a letter for the Road District Committee opposing the creation of a taxing district. Director Willer moved that Chief Palmer draft a letter stating that the District "strongly opposes" the formation of a taxing district for road maintenance. Director Ashmore seconded. Yes votes from Director Ashmore, Director Willer and Director Wolfe. President Miles voted against.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

President Miles inquired about ISO re-rating. Chief Palmer is looking into having a re-rating done for the Fire District and will ask that it be done prior to Station 2 and Training Tower construction. He feels that the District should do well in the re-rating process prior to those two projects being complete.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2014-06: Fund Transfers: In accordance with the adopted 2013-2014 budget for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, scheduled transfers of appropriations from one fund to another is necessary to meet current and future financial objectives.

**MOTION : Director Willer moved to approve Resolution 2014-06, "Transfer of Funds to the General, Reserve and Special Funds". Director Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ashmore, Miles, Wolfe and Willer voting yes.**

10. **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.

The regular board meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:15 pm.

The executive session ended and the regular board meeting reconvened at 7:05 pm.

11. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR REMARKS**

None

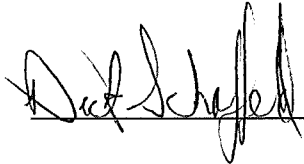
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:12 p.m.



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Board President



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Secretary / Treasurer