

# MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Station 1  
1400 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, Oregon  
April 18, 2016

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

Board President Robin Miles called the April 18, 2016 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:32 pm.

Directors present: Robin Miles, Tom Ashmore, John Willer and Crystal Dodge.

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

Others: Tom Peachey, Legal Counsel

Excused: Dick Schaffeld and Jay Wood, Division Chief

## 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Miles.

## 3. **MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

## 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## 5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Cash Accounts Summary: Included in board packet.

Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Willer reported that the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee will be going through a reorganization process.

## 7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 220 calls for service in the month of March. 195 were for EMS.

911 Usage: 9% for the month of March, a 4% decrease from the previous month.

Training Division Report: Included in board packet.

Prevention Division Activities: Included in board packet.

Volunteer R&R Division Activities: Included in board packet.

Other: The District has had two firefighter resignations; Brock Bryant and AJ Mounsey have both moved on to other organizations.

Reminder – if any Board Members are planning to attend the annual banquet, please be sure to RSVP at your earliest convenience.

Chief Palmer has learned of a potential funding option of a surcharge on water bills called the Fire Protection Act. He will be meeting with Julie Krueger from the City of The Dalles to discuss.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Included were a couple of thank you cards; one from the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and one from CGCC nursing program.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Training Tower Update: Nothing new to report – appears that the project will be delayed by another month.
- b. Policy Review: Chief Palmer will make updates / revisions based on recommendations from Tom Peachey.
- c. GO Bond Update: At the direction of the Board, Chief Palmer presented additional Bond information which included the replacement of the ladder truck. The various terms and net amounts were presented for the Board's consideration.

Director Willer made a motion to proceed with a 15 ½ year Bond which would include replacing the ladder truck. Director Dodge seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Ashmore, Willer and Dodge voting yes.

- d. Firehouse Park Update: No update - still waiting to hear back from Parks & Rec. on the updated IGA.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2016-02: The current MCFR 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan does not include a Catchup Provision, which would allow employees who are near retirement age to make additional annual contributions, as allowable under IRS rules. Northwest Retirement has made the necessary changes to the Plan to allow the additional contributions. Also, one of the Trustees listed on the Plan is no longer employed with MCFR, so the revised Plan will also include a restatement of the Trustees.

**MOTION: Director Ashmore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-02 “A Resolution Amending the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Qualified 457 Deferred Compensation Plan through NWR Plans Inc. to Incorporate Special Catch-Up Contributions into the Plan and to Restate the Trustees of the Plan”. Director Dodge seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Ashmore, Willer and Dodge voting yes.**

## 11. 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.

The regular board meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:30 pm.


The executive session ended and the regular board meeting reconvened at 7:38 pm.

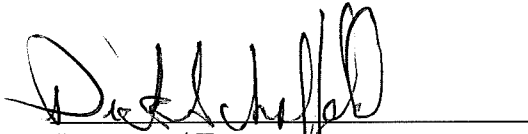
## 12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:38 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Secretary / Treasurer