

MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Budget Committee Minutes
Training Room, Station 1
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
May 19, 2015

Board President Robin Miles called the May 19, 2015 meeting of the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Budget Committee, held in the training room at Station 1, to order at 5:35 pm.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Budget Committee

Members: Dr. Wally Wolf, David Jacobs, Mike Hamilton and Diana Bailey.

Board Members: 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

2. **ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Board President Robin Miles called for nominations for the position of budget committee chairperson. Director Ashmore nominated David Jacobs for the position of budget committee chairperson. Wally Wolf seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the motion passed with all voting "yes" with the exception of David Jacobs.

3. **ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

Board President Miles called for nominations for the position of budget committee secretary. David Jacobs nominated Diana Bailey to the position of budget committee secretary. Director Ashmore seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the motion passed unanimously. Budget committee secretary Diana Bailey then passed the secretarial responsibilities to Dana Woods. Board President Miles passed the duties of conducting the budget committee meeting to Chairperson David Jacobs.

4. **RECEIVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET DOCUMENT**

The budget document was distributed to all Budget Committee and Board members the week prior to the meeting for their review. Chief Palmer did a brief overview of the Strategic Plan Objectives and the Budget Message.

5. **RECESS FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT/PROJECTS SHOW AND TELL SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION**

Rather than the typical “show and tell” that is done in the Equipment Bays, Chief Palmer presented a slide show of the proposed Capital Purchases for FY 2015-2016.

6. **RECONVENE FOR REVIEW OF THE 2015-16 FY BUDGET**

Chairperson Jacobs asked if the committee wanted to review the proposed budget document page by page and if there were no questions or comments then they would proceed to the next page.

Because everyone has had the opportunity to read the budget document it was decided to fast forward through the MCF&R Mission/Goals, Strategic Plan Objectives, and Budget Message and begin with Personal Services on Page 17.

Sick Overtime, Page 19: David Jacobs inquired about the substantial decrease in this line item. Chief Palmer explained that because of the SAFER positions, we don’t have to backfill as often when someone calls in sick.

General Insurance, Page 21: Board President Miles asked if Insurance costs for Station 2 and the Training Tower are included in the budget number. Chief Palmer indicated that Station 2 insurance is included but the cost for the Training Tower is not.

7. **ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS AND / OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None – no audience present.

8. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET OR ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING**

There were no further questions or comments on the budget document.

MOTION: Diana Bailey moved the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget be approved as presented in the amount of \$5,458,301. Wally Wolf seconded. The motion passed with all voting yes.

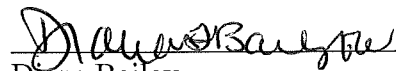
MOTION: Diana Bailey moved that the budget committee of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue approve property taxes for the 2015-16 fiscal year at the rate of \$2.1004 per \$1000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund and in the amount of \$225,000 for the general obligation bond principal and interest in the Debt Service Fund. Wally Wolf seconded. The motion passed with all voting yes.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the budget committee meeting adjourned by motion at 6:42 pm.

10. **DINNER**

Chief Palmer announced that dinner will be provided for budget committee members at Casa El Mirador Restaurant upon conclusion of the meeting. The public, at their expense, is welcome to attend.


Diana Bailey
Budget Committee Secretary