

# MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Training Room, Station 1  
1400 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, Oregon  
September 21, 2015

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

Board Vice President Tom Ashmore called the September 21, 2015 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:30 pm.

Directors present: Tom Ashmore, Crystal Dodge and John Willer. Robin Miles arrived at 5:35 pm. Board Vice President Ashmore directed by Miles to continue to Chair the meeting.

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

Others: Tom Peachey, Legal Counsel; Walt Denstedt, Firefighter; Dee Apperson, Citizen.

Excused: Dick Schaffeld

## 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Ashmore.

## 3. **MINUTES**

Minutes from the August 17, 2015 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 on the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting. Rapoza has not been able to raise the necessary capital for the Granada location.

## 7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 216 calls for service in the month of August. 184 were for EMS.

911 Usage: Usage was 10% for the month of August – no change from 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.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Palmer shared with the Board a couple of Thank You letters that the Fire District has received; one from The Dalles Public Library and the Port Authority of NY & NJ.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Station 2 Update: The 2KG interior punch list items are nearly complete. The exterior punch list items are complete. October Board Meeting to be held at Station 2.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2015-14 Restatement of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and Operating Plan between MCFR and the USFS: The agreement has been in place for a period of 19 years, and is currently expired.

**MOTION:** Director Willer moved to adopt Resolution 2015-14 “Adopting Revisions and Renewal of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and Annual Operating Plan between Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and the United States Forest Service, National Scenic Area”. President Miles seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Ashmore, Dodge and Willer voting yes.

- b. Resolution 2015-15 Authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with LifeFlight Network (LFN) for leasing Ground Ambulances from MCFR: LFN has expressed an interest in leasing an MCFR ambulance when weather conditions prohibit them from transporting a patient via aircraft. This agreement calls for a MCFR ambulance with a driver from MCFR. LFN staff would handle patient care. Rates are outlined in the agreement.

**MOTION:** Director Willer moved to adopt Resolution 2015-15 “Authorizing the Fire Chief to enter an agreement with LifeFlight Network (LFN) for leasing of Ground Ambulances from MCFR”. Director Dodge seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Dodge, Ashmore and Willer voting yes.

- c. Surplus items: The Fire District again has accumulated property awaiting surplus. Property of this nature is taken out of service and placed into storage. Once approved for surplus, the property will be discarded, sold or donated to another governmental organization.

**MOTION:** President Miles moved to declare the items noted on Exhibit “A” as surplus property. Director Dodge seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Ashmore, Willer and Dodge voting yes.

- d. Equipment / Facility GO Bond Discussion: It is time for the fire district to consider how to pay for the replacement of fire apparatus and equipment, as well as much needed facility projects. The district’s Reserve Funds are not sufficient to meet all of the needs. Staff as well as line personnel have discussed the possibility of another

Bond, once the current bond is retired in 2017. Chief Palmer presented a list of items needing replacement / upgrade, along with estimated costs. It was Board consensus to move forward with compiling necessary information for a future Bond.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 Section 2, Subsection (h) – to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The regular board meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:38 pm.


The executive session ended and the regular board meeting reconvened at 6:56 pm.

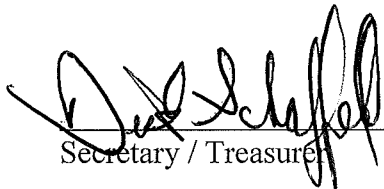
12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 6:59 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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Secretary / Treasurer