



MINUTES

Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
November 18, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire & 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, Diana Bailey, Corey Case, Dick Schaffeld, and Walter Denstedt.

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

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from October 21, 2024, Board Meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Director Case and Director Bailey both had questions regarding the sick overtime line. Director Bailey would like to see the line broken down to show what type of sick-leave people are on.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt reported on the latest Urban Renewal meeting.
- b. EZ Report – Nothing new to report.



9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Fire Chief's Report – Included in board packet. Chief Jensen gave a more detailed report on the ASA and on the GEMT. He also gave a brief explanation of what the Project ELFF Canned Food Drive will be this year.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen, included in board packet.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Cole, included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Wood, included in board packet.
- e. Monthly Report – DC Beckner, included in board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Fire Chief's Contract – President Jacobs read through the contract pointing out the edits that were made from the October 21st meeting. There was discussion by Director Denstedt regarding Social Security participation and severance payout for discharge of the Fire Chief without cause. Director Denstedt voiced opinion on having a tiered level of months of severance based on how many months the Fire Chief was in the position. Chief Jensen discussed the importance of the severance provision for discharge without cause for reasons of stability. Director Case made a motion to ratify the contract as written with changes. Director Schaffeld seconded. All in favor; 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion passed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-06 – "A Resolution Authorizing the Fire Chief to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Wasco County concerning Emergency Operations Plan Update Support." Chief Jensen gave a brief description of what the agreement is for. Director Bailey made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, "A Resolution Authorizing the Fire Chief to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Wasco County concerning Emergency Operations Plan Update Support." Director Schaffeld seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- b. Resolution No. 2024-7 "A Resolution Adding and Removing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue." – Chief Palmer stated that he had the paperwork for each board member to sign to update the list with the bank and to also delete Chief Palmer as a check signer and add Chief Jensen as a check signer. Director Bailey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07 – "Adding and Removing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue." Director Schaffeld seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

13. 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. Adjourned to Executive Session at 18:27 p.m.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Palmer reminded the board of the Transfer of Command Ceremony. President Jacobs advised that in the event he does not make it in time for the swearing in that Director Bailey would step in and if she wasn't able to attend then Director Case would step in. Chief Palmer will provide the agenda and the dialogue for the swearing in ceremony. Director Bailey reminded everyone of the Christmas Party that will take place at the Civic Auditorium on December 14th. Director Denstedt stated if anyone wanted to talk with him after the meeting was adjourned about the Oregon Fire Service Conference he attended, that he would be happy to discuss it with them. Director Bailey recommended Director Denstedt forward each board member a synopsis of what he learned.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:57 p.m.

Board President

Secretary/Treasurer