

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2018
6:00pm – Central Station

BOARD MEMBERS:

President Tom Snair
Vice President Mike Lippsmeyer
Secretary Joe Franko
Director Freeman Stutzman
Director Dennis King
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STAFF:

Fire Chief Ben Stange
DC Neal Olson
DC Mike Mayfield
Office Assistant Mary Carlson

Absent:

Office Administrator Susan Shepard

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

President Snair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

AUDIENCE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Please sign Request List to address the Board.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Disbursements for March 1-31, 2018.
- B) Finance report for the month of March 2018.
- C) Approve March 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

President Snair – Asked how the Board would like to take the Agenda.

Vice President Lippsmeyer – Motioned to take the Agenda as a whole.

Secretary Franko – Second.

President Snair – All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **2019-2023 Levy – Chief Stange** stated that the Levy would be on the May 15th ballot. He added he has been communicating at meetings around the Monmouth Independence area explaining the Levy. Chief Stange presented a letter to the Board Members that is available to hand out to anyone. He reviewed the letter to the Board and added he has extra copies.
- b) **Modular Building Project/Dorm Expansion – Chief Stange** stated a change to one room upstairs should start and be completed next week. He added this change would split one room into two. Chief Stange stated a discussion with the Residents about living quarters was held and they had good ideas that are being considered in the planning of the modular building.

Discussion: square footage and types of modular homes

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Budget Committee Appointments and Budget Calendar - Chief Stange** stated there was a change on the Budget Calendar moving the May Board Meeting up to May 7th due to a conflict with the Oregon Fire Chief's Conference. Chief Stange stated there are two vacancies on the Budget Committee. He added the two positions, Position 3 expires in 2020 and Position 4 expires in 2019. Chief Stange stated he has received two applications to fill these position, Joost Vanderhave and Tom Henke both former Board Members.
President Snair – Asked the Board for a motion to approve applicants.
Vice President Lippsmeyer - Motion to accept Joost Vanderhave to Position 3 and Tom Henke to Position 4, to fill remainder of vacant terms.
Director Stutzman – Second.
President Snair – All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- b) **Future Relationships and Agreements with other Districts – Chief Stange** stated back in January of this year, Director Lippsmeyer and himself attended a meeting at Sheridan Fire regarding the combination of agencies. He added Dallas Fire and SW Polk also attended this meeting and last week Dallas Fire indicated they are no longer interested in altering their current agreements. Chief Stange presented a map of the Fire Districts that service Polk County as well as where the Ambulance Service Area boundaries are. He showed the Board where stations are currently located and where future stations may be built by SW Polk Fire. Chief Stange asked the Board if they want to continue being involved with talks about consolidating services or not.
Director King – Stated not to shut the door with SW Polk and feels Sheridan Fire is a ways away from us.
Chief Stange – Stated he has heard Sheridan may look to McMinnville and Amity for help.
President Snair – Asked what about the Dallas Fire Ambulance Service.
Chief Stange – Chief Stange speculates that the City of Dallas may someday go away from providing ambulance service and focus exclusively on the fire end of the department. Chief Stange went to the map and explained coverage and how things could change in the future. He added he would continue meeting with SW Polk and get some financials and staffing needs that will be needed in the future.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a) **Apparatus Update – Chief Stange** stated we have had the apparatus alternating through Benton County for their annual NFPA inspections. He added last week Dallas Ambulance was involved in an accident, that was not their fault, and we lent our third out Medic to them for a couple days.
- b) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** stated there was a car fire yesterday and a boat fire on Simpson Road. He added we had a MVA at Clow Corner Rd and Highway 99 that resulted in a semi-truck being T-boned and ending up in the field.
- c) **Demolition Practices in Monmouth – Chief Stange** stated on this Tuesday Chief Olson and himself will be attending the Monmouth City Council Meeting where they will be reviewing demolition practice rules.
Vice President Lippsmeyer – Asked Chief Stange if he got in touch with the insurance company regarding last month's burn to learn.
Chief Stange – Stated he has spoken with them and they are communicating with the owners of the house that was next to the burn.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:

Chief Stange – Invited the Board Members to a Memorial Day re-dedication honoring Army PFC. Michael Webb. He added the bell out front, that is being repaired, was dedicated to Mr. Webb who lost his life 50 years ago serving in the Vietnam War. Chief Stange stated the presentation would be in the morning before the festivities at the airpark begin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

No comments at this time.

President Snair adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:53pm.
Minutes by Mary Carlson.