

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
June 9th, 2022
6:00pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, Or 97351

Also Virtually at:

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Meeting ID: 885 0155 8202 - Passcode: 707682

President Mike Lippsmeyer
Vice President Jeff Hamilton
Secretary Cord Von Derahe
Director Curtis Cole (ABSENT)
Director Dan Miller

Chief Ben Stange
DC Frank Ehrmantraut
DC Neal Olson (ABSENT)
Office Admin. Stephanie Hale
Office Assistant Tirzah Romero

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anyone wishing to address the Board please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss. If you are online, please use the raise hand feature when it comes time for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes but the Board welcomes additional information in writing. Typically a speaker's comment is taken under advisement to allow time for the Board to review an issue, however, the Board may ask a speaker for additional information or may convey to the speaker some information that addresses their comment.

Meeting minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve May 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for May 1-31, 2022
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of May 2022

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

Secretary Von Derahe – Stated to take the Agenda as a whole.

Director Miller – Second.

President Lippsmeyer – All in favor, none opposed, carried – Agenda approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a.) **Resolution 2022-03: Adoption of FY 2022-23 Budget** – **Chief Stange** stated that President Lippsmeyer would need to read the Resolution.

President Lippsmeyer – Asked why the Resolution must be read in that specific format.

Chief Stange – Stated that to his knowledge it has always been read that way. He can clarify how necessary that is in the future.

President Lippsmeyer – Reads the Resolution 2022-03: Adoption of FY 2022-23 Budget, aloud.

Vice President Hamilton – Motioned to approve the Resolution 2022-03: Adoption of FY 2022-23 Budget.

Director Dan Miller – Second the motion.

President Lippsmeyer – All in favor none opposed, carried – Budget Resolution 2022-03 adopted.

b.) Award of 2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant – Chief Stange stated Oregon State Fire Marshal’s office was granted 4 million dollars to distribute to any fire district or department in Oregon. He will be looking to find qualified and interested volunteers in addition to the regular staffing in the months June 15th - October 31st.

President Lippmeyer – Asked what happens on a conflagration.

Chief Stange – Stated the State understands the struggle of having enough firefighters in remote areas. The primary priority for the grant is for local response. The secondary priority is to increase regional capacity. Third and final priority is to increase capacity for people to go on conflagration. Having this additional staff will help by not taking our career staff to those calls and having them available for other calls. They are not required to be wildland firefighters, they are required to be structural firefighters.

Secretary Von Derahe – Asked if we are looking for interior firefighters?

Chief Stange – Stated that it is designed to be people already affiliated with your organization. He talked to the State Fire Marshal for the specifics of it. He asked them to wait on depositing until July 1st, 2022.

Vice President Hamilton – Asked if they will be given a stipend.

Chief Stange – Stated they are hourly employees. They will fill out taxes, receive PERS, etc.

CHIEFS REPORT:

a.) Hiring Update - Chief Stange - Stated in review that Mary Carlson and Mike Mayfield have officially retired as of June 3rd, 2022. Lukas Martin will be Captain of B shift starting June 27th, 2022. Daniel Homer will be starting his two week orientation and drills July 5th, 2022. He will begin on C shift July 17th or 19th, 2022. Added he has lists to pull from if the Safer Grant is received.

b.) Notable Incidents – Chief Stange – Stated there were 304 calls in May. Dallas Fire has been short ambulances. Polk County Fire uses them as mutual aide. Keizer Med Unit went to Heron Pointe from their quarters. The valley is struggling with medic unit shortage.

President Lippmeyer – Asked why? Could it be the call count?

Chief Stange – Stated the struggle is due to staffing.

Secretary Von Derahe – Added calls are streaking as well. Many calls come from one area.

Chief Stange – Stated the crews have been taking time with working together to help with some of the reoccurring calls, helping them find ways to access the healthcare system other than us.

c.) Member of the Month – Chief Stange – Stated that the member of the month is Adam Chinnock. There has been less capacity in our officer pool lately. He has been stepping up to help.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA: Chief Stange – Stated Office Administrator Stephanie Hale went through many receipts from previous years, for the grant from FEMA. He was very appreciative of her dedication and time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Secretary Von Derahe – Stated, good job (to Chief Stange & Stephanie) last month for putting new bodies in new places. That can be taxing on top of running a record number of calls.

President Lippmeyer – Stated hiring the right person makes all the difference in the world. You have a 75 item check list and for that I commend you. When you get the right person things move.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660. If necessitated by business. None Anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lippmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm

Minutes by Tirzah Romero-Reddick