



EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2024, 7:00 PM
Weston Fire Station
103 W. Main Street
Weston, OR 97886

Mission Statement

East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is committed to preserving life, property, and the environment by providing and supporting the best possible emergency services to the communities in our district. Volunteer fire fighters are dedicated to safely minimizing suffering, loss of life, and loss of property incurred by fire, accidents, disasters, and medical emergencies. Fire fighters do this through fire training, suppression, preparation, education, and prevention.

In Attendance

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| <u> X </u> <i>Matt Hoehna, President</i> | <u> X </u> <i>Greg Phillips, Director</i> |
| <u> X </u> <i>Terry Case, Vice President</i> | <u> </u> <i>Chris Williams, Director</i> |
| <u> X </u> <i>Carol Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer</i> | <u> X </u> <i>Dave Baty, Fire Chief</i> |

MINUTES

- 1) MEETING TO ORDER**
Board President, Matt Hoehna called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL**
The following guests were in attendance: Chrys Wernlund, Shelia Jaspersen, Christine Erb, Michael Kobasa, David McCuiston, Dakota Buman, Jason Hall, and Whitney Majors. Chris Williams is absent.
- 3) APPROVE/EDIT/ADD TO THE AGENDA**
MOTION: Terry Case moved to approve the amended agenda.
SECOND: Greg Phillips
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.
- 5) FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**
MOTION: Carol Kirk made the motion to pay the bills.
SECOND: Terry Case
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0
- 6) MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
MOTION: Terry Case moved to approve the Minutes last month.
SECOND: Carol Kirk
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

OLD BUSINESS



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7) IGA DISCUSSION

Matt Hoehna and the board have talked with the Medic Board and the discussion is still ongoing, but they have a few fixes that can be implemented now. The goal will be to have a clean copy of the IGA and have it emailed out before the next meeting.

8) FUELS REDUCTION PROGRESS

There was a meeting earlier this month and only one person showed up from the community. We do have a few full-time staff looking for some extra hours that will be up for discussion. The Fuels Reduction Grant is to help those that live in rural areas be able to call us and get some help making their homes by creating fire defensible space. It's the Wildland Urban Interface through the Oregon State Fire Marshalls Office. There will be another meeting next month. We have purchased a woodchipper to help with the program, buying it with the interest from the Grant.

9) BUDGET REVIEW

Chief Dave Baty has informed the board that he has started making a preliminary budget, and so far, our finances are solid.

10) NEW STATION STATUS

The Station is around 70%-72% done right now. July 26, 2024, is the date they are giving us as a defined some date. Greg Phillips asked if we have an estimate about once the building is done before it is furnished and ready for functioning. Chief Dave Baty does not have an estimate, all the cash at the time is being used to build this project. Any capital that is left over will go straight into furnishing for the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

11) MONTHLY EQUIPMENT STATUS

Everything is operational at this point. Going to start pump testing here shortly.

12) MONTHLY SAFETY STATUS

No one has been hurt. We now have five people on the safety committee.

13) BUDGET STATUS

Chief Dave Baty meant to have a budget printed to have the board look at, but there have been some mishaps along the way. We do have some medics that would like to be Fire trained as well. If that is the case, we can move to a 56hr work week. Matt Hoehna reformed the board that this will have impact with the PERS question has not yet been answered. That question will need to be answered and addressed.

14) E DAYS

Executive Day is basically intended for salary employees, that do not cost any overtime with the district. Chief Dave Baty will resend the email he sent to the board. This will be a discussion for the board on whether this will be approved or denied.

15) INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Chief Dave Baty has gotten hold of around 20 different investigation firms and has only found two options that are willing to investigate this issue. We have also checked into legal council to see what is needed. The legal council recommended outside services. Matt Hoehna doesn't want to delay the investigation any longer. Matt Hoehna will entertain a



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motion to move forward with an outside investigation regarding the complaint that was filed with the Board.

MOTION: Greg Phillips Moved to entertain that motion.

SECOND: Carol Kirk

VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

CAROL KIRK: Resignation from the Board.

CHIEF REPORT:

Brad Bixler the principal in Helix, wants to run internet from the Helix School house to the new Building that they purchased from us. We are unsure about whose property it is. Terry Case has informed us that the City of Helix possibly owns the space. We will have to check with the City of Helix.

There is also a daily training upgrade for the employees at the station from 1pm-3pm, that we would like to put into a routine for current employees.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Greg Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Terry Case

VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

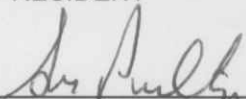
The next meeting will be May 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Weston.



PRESIDENT

5/16/2024

DATE



BOARD SECRETARY

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