



EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

BOARD MEETING
July 18, 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

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

MINUTES

- 1) **MEETING TO ORDER**
Board Vice President, Terry Case called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
The following guests were in attendance: Chrys Wernlund, Ray Denny, Michael Kobasa, Debbie Munck, and Whitney Majors.
- 3) **APPROVE/EDIT/ADD TO THE AGENDA**
MOTION: Matt Hoehna 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: Greg Phillips made the motion to pay the bills.
SECOND: Chris Williams
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0
- 6) **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
MOTION: Chris Williams moved to approve the Minutes last month.
SECOND: Greg Phillips
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

OLD BUSINESS



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- 7) **FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM REPORT**
The Mountain has been shut down to all power tools, so there is nothing to report at this time.
- 8) **POLICY 1100- FACILITY SECURITY**
This item will be tabled until the next meeting, having Chief Dave Baty email out the policy again.
- 9) **NEW BOARD MEMBER**
Matt Hoehna has met with both candidates, Marc Calvert and Collin Story, there was good discussion. He would recommend that whichever one was chosen, speak with the remaining candidate about possible future service.
MOTION: Chris Williams moved to appoint Marc Calvert to become the new board member for the Fire District
SECOND: Greg Phillips
VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0
- 10) **DISCUSSION ON COMBINING DISTRICTS**
Matt Hoehna would like to map out a timeline for what comes next for the combination of the districts. He would also like to hear about the concerns that the health district has. Terry Case would like to hear from the community on this topic. This Topic will be tabled until next month.
- 11) **INVESTIGATION STATUS**
The Investigator is working with the attorney to write out a memo. We have no new information currently. No information should be distributed.
- 12) **NEW STATION STATUS**
So far, the completion date is the same. There is a culvert across from banister road that the county is trying to tie into the current culvert system. Ribbon cutting for the New Station will be August 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

- 13) **MONTHLY EQUIPMENT STATUS**
We blew a tire in the brush truck the other day at the M-F fire. We have used the brush trucks quite a bit this week and the water tenders. We had a tender and type 6 out in Pilot Rock helping. We were still able to cover the lower dry creek and Bingam road. Bill Boyd has still not been able to find the part for the truck that has broken down. There has been talk of getting a new engine for it.
- 14) **MONTHLY SAFETY STATUS**
As per the medic meeting, we did have a firefighter/medic took a fall this week. He has been checked out and is fine.
- 15) **JOINING PERS RESOLUTION**
Matt Hoehna has an email from Chief Dave Baty that explains about it. Chief Dave Baty would like to propose that the district pay for the 6% of the PERS Individual Account Program. Chris Williams pointed out that we as a district is already putting in 6% into a



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retirement program now. On line 6 the board Agrees on line 7 is intends to change it to the independent pool. The district would also like to have the employer paid pre-tax 6% on line 8.

MOTION: Matt Hoehna moved to just switch and pay the 6% as a district into PERS.

SECOND: Greg Phillips

VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

16) HOW TO PAY THE 6% INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT PROGRAM

See the previous board item.

17) POLICY CHANGE SUGGESTIONS-REHAB, PIA CHANGED TO AAR

There are a few policies that need to be looked at and slightly worded differently. A few name changes. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

18) RESOLUTION TO ALLOW A TEMPORARY NEW BUILDING CREDIT CARD

MOTION: Matt Hoehna moved to authorize a New Station Credit card in Chief Dave Baty to purchase needed items for the new station with a limit of \$3500.00 per day from the New Station Account.

SECOND: Greg Phillips

VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

19) CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP

This item will be tabled until next month's meeting.

CHIEF REPORT:

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Debbie Munck is here to get all the banking signatures so she can turn in current banking paperwork, changing signers and names on the accounts.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Greg Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Matt Hoehna

VOTE: Unanimously Approved 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Weston.



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY



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