



Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
In Person / Virtually Held  
1400 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, OR 97058  
August 18, 2025

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Bailey called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Diana Bailey, Walter Denstedt, Chris Schanno, Dick Schaffeld, and Mike Erland.

Staff Present: Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Adam Cole, Division Chief Chris Grant, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Business Services Manager Joe Talamantez, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers.

**4. ADGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**5. MINUTES**

Minutes from July 21, 2025, Board meeting stand approved as written.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Chief Jensen spoke briefly about the beginning balance and that once everything gets finalized with our financial statements from last year the beginning balance will come in as anticipated. He also stated that Miscellaneous Revenue looks high but that is due to paying the visa bill before the end of the fiscal year and then visa still pulled the same amount that we paid due to it being on auto pay. Once the visa charges get routed to the correct accounts then the miscellaneous revenue will look normal again. Miscellaneous Revenue was just a place holder. President Bailey asked about the Fire OT line, which is at 51% Chief Jensen stated it was due to the June payroll and the upstaffing for fire severity, which will be paid by the Wildland Grant. Chief Jensen also stated that Workers Comp came in higher than expected, was budgeted at \$125,000 but came in at \$145,000.

b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – No questions asked.



## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt stated there was no report due to the meeting being the next day, August 19<sup>th</sup>. He did hand out an information sheet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Plaza. He stated the focus would be on fire safety. He also stated there would be a vote to raise fees on Public Records.

## **9. FIRE CHIEFS' REPORTS**

- a. Chief Jensen's Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen shared additional information on the report. Chief Jensen stated the ambulance contract is still on pause, waiting for information from OHA and Wasco Co. Director Denstedt read the submitted plan and would like all the board members to also read it. Director Erland would like the board to come together and be proactive if the plan does get approved. There was lots of discussion regarding the ASA contract. Chief Jensen also stated that he met with Commissioner Scott Hege and the hospital regarding transfers. Chief Jensen continued with his report with considerable discussion regarding Operations. Director Denstedt discussed what he had heard from line personnel about operational changes and spoke about his role as a Director of the District. Chief Jensen stated he conducts operations towards meeting goals in the Standards of Coverage which the board approved, and changes often occur in an attempt to meet those goals. Chief Jensen spoke about the purpose of hiring a Fire Chief to run the operations of the District. Director Erland spoke to a distinct boundary of being a board director and policy maker and having the Fire Chief conduct the operations of the District. There was a lot of discussion regarding the roles of Directors and the Fire Chief.
- b. Division Chief Beckner's Report – Report provided.
- c. Division Chief Cole's Report – Report provided.
- d. Division Chief Grant's Report – Report provided.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 2025-05 "A Resolution Adding and Removing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire & Resue. Chief Jensen explained that per policy we need two check signers on all checks. He did state that the policy does need to be updated, that right now we run AP checks every other week but would like the ability to run them more frequently but do not want to overtax the check signers. He stated that all board members need to be check signers. Director Schanno pointed out that his full name is Christopher Paul Schanno. The Resolution will be amended to reflect Director Schanno's correct name. President Bailey asked if there was a motion. Director Schanno made a motion to approve Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Resolution No. 2025-05 with changes. Director Denstedt seconded. President Bailey asked if there was any discussion needed. Hearing none she called for a vote.



**Schanno – Yes**  
**Erland – Yes**  
**Schaffeld – Yes**  
**Denstedt – Yes**  
**Bailey – Yes**

- b. Information Sheet – Surplus Property. There was no discussion, President Bailey called for a motion. Director Schanno made a motion to declare items noted on Exhibit “A” as surplus. Director Schaffeld seconded. President Bailey called for a vote. Motion passed.

**Schanno – Yes**  
**Erland – Yes**  
**Schaffeld – Yes**  
**Denstedt – Yes**  
**Bailey – Yes**

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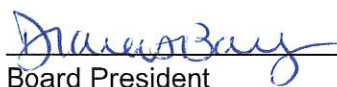
Director Schanno asked about the Steele Rd dump fire wanting to know if anyone has investigated their fire suppression system. Chief Jensen stated that we had letters out requesting information that our investigation was still on going. Chief Jensen stated that we investigate all fires which is a state mandate.

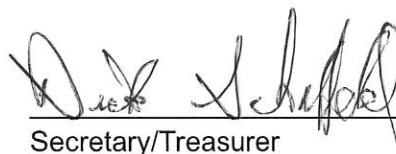
Director Erland brought up the Cruise-in, he stated that the fire department needs to have a presence there for public safety. That some of the cars are a ticking time bomb. He stated that if we had the opportunity to make a recommendation to the city police to shut down 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets and go to a yellow light and place Fire down at the cruise. He stated there was a lot of police presence. He would like to see a continuous loop instead of having the cars stop for the red lights. The cars were heating up. For public safety reasons he would like to see something worked out for next year.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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Board President

  
Secretary/Treasurer