

MINUTES
Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtually Held
1400 W. 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
October 19, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the October 19, 2020 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President David Jacobs.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present via video conference: David Jacobs, Diana Bailey, Dave Peters and Mike Cronin. Dick Schaffeld was unable to attend.

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Division Chief, Fred Coleman; Division Chief David Jensen and Office Manager, Stephanie Ziegler

Others: Tom Peachey and Andrew Myers, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Tom Peachey advised that the compliance and ground rules regarding video conferencing did not need to be stated at every board meeting, however the board meeting was conducted remotely in order to mitigate the transmission of the Coronavirus in accordance with Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-12 to suspend all public gatherings. Public access information was made available prior to the meeting. The District received no requests for accommodations by any members of the public, there were no members of the public who accessed the meeting via telephone or video conference, and there was no public comment received by e-mail prior to the deadline of October 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. PST.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

Agenda Changes under New Business.

5. MINUTES

The minutes for the September 21, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Cash Accounts Summary: Included in board packet, no comments were made by board.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet, no comments were made by board.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Nothing to report.
- b. Enterprise Zone: Chief Palmer, Division Chief Jensen & Division Chief Wood met via video conference with Google representatives Kate Franko and Brett Boulter regarding the process they will need to take with the new project Google will be starting at the old Northwest Aluminum Plant property. Chief Palmer will be sending Google the Emergency Response Plan. Google contacting MCFR was due primarily to the language change that was prompted by the EZ committee in the City of The Dalles LUDO.

9. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Incident Report: There were 246 calls for service in the month of September, last year at this time we had 242 calls. So far this year we have had 2181, last year we had 2260.

Fire Chief Update: Chief Palmer spoke about the Aerial Apparatus still no change with selling the truck. Plans on placing the truck on Gov Deals. Chief Palmer had stated that we had not received any update on the Student housing up at the college, however Director Cronin and Director Bailey both advised that the building is well underway with the construction. Director Cronin also stated if there was anything he could do to help us with the Student housing he would be happy to do that. Complete Fire Chief report included in Board Packet.

Division Chief Wood's Report: Included in Board packet

Division Chief Jensen's Report: Included in Board packet

Division Chief Coleman's Report: Included in Board packet

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Sheet – Board Policy Manual revision to incorporate language associated with Ordinance No. 2020-01 – an “Ordinance Excluding Fire Fighters and Employees from District Board of Directors”, with Exhibit’s A and B as presented to the Board for their consideration. Director Bailey made a motion to adopt the revision as proposed, Director Cronin seconded the motion. Ordinance passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.
- b. Information Sheet – Revised Exempt Employee Wage Scale. The exempt employee wage scale has been revised to reflect the cost of living adjustments. A recommendation was presented to the Board to make a motion to accept the attached exempt employee salary scale as presented. Director Peters made a motion to accept the motion, Director Bailey seconded. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.
- c. Information Sheet – Surplus Property. The Fire District would like to declare the Roll-out Bed Slide as surplus. Director Cronin made the motion to surplus the Bed Slide, Director Bailey seconded. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


None


14. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Director Jacobs at 6:01 pm.



Board President

Secretary/Treasurer