



MINUTES

Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
March 18, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Diana Bailey, Corey Case, and Walter Denstedt. Dick Schaffeld was absent.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistant Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Jay Wood, Division Chief Fred Coleman, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Adam Cole, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Meyers and family and friends of soon to be sworn in Apprentice/FF Tanner Fletcher, FF Weldon Ishizaka, and Lt. Adam Cole.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

The date on the agenda was incorrect.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.
- b. Swearing in of personnel to newly appointed positions. Chief Palmer introduced the 3 individuals to be sworn in and then read "A Firefighter's Ambition. He then called each of the individuals up to be sworn into their new positions. Tanner Fletcher to Firefighter, Weldon Ishizaka to Lieutenant, and Adam Cole to Division Chief.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – No comments
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – No comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt advised the Board that there had been no meeting so there was nothing to report.



9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Fire Chief's Report – Included in board packet. Chief Palmer asked if anyone had any questions regard the Fire Chief's report. He did speak briefly about the 2024 Best Practices Program. He stated that all board members needed to take the public meeting training offered on-line. Brief discussion followed.
- b. Monthly Report – Assistant Chief Jensen – included in board packet. President Jacobs asked about the apprentice that was promoted to Firefighter and if we would be filling his position with another apprentice. Chief Jensen explained the process and that the position would not be filled this this time. Brief discussion followed.
- c. Monthly Report – Division Chief Beckner – Included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – Division Chief Wood - Included in board packet.
- e. Monthly Report – Division Chief Coleman - Included in board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Palmer and President Jacobs attended the funeral for retired Wasco County Communications manager Jeanne Pesicka.

14. ADJOURMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:05 p.m.



Board President

Secretary/Treasurer