

MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Training Room, Station 1
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
April 13, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the April 13, 2020 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:33 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Jacobs.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present via video conference: David Jacobs, David Peters, Diana Bailey and Bob Delaney.

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Jay Wood, Division Chief; Rob Torrey, Division Chief; David Jensen, Division Chief; Dana Woods, Office Manager.

Others: Tom Peachey, Legal Counsel via video conference.

This 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 and there were no members of the public who accessed the meeting via telephone or video conference.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

Addition of New Business item: Letter received from Wasco County.

5. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Cash Accounts Summary: Included in board packet.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – March and April meetings have been cancelled.
- b. Enterprise Zone Report – Waiting on LUDO language approval from The City. It should be discussed at the next City Council meeting on April 27,2020.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 230 calls for service in the month of March. 172 were EMS related.

911 Usage: Usage was 11% for the month of March, a slight increase from the previous month.

Fire Chiefs Update: Chief Palmer provided the Board with an Information Sheet which gave updates regarding Bond Projects, sale of surplus apparatus, student housing project, policy committee progress, GEMT program, EZ program, ASA plan, BIA Fire Protection Contract, Leadership Assessment and Coaching and COVID-19 Pandemic response. Chief Palmer indicated that Goldendale Fire Department has expressed interest in the old ladder truck. The old brush trucks are ready to be sold on GovDeals.

Director Bailey asked if the District had thought about a way to respond to any public inquiries regarding the Staff / Union relationship coaching progress. Legal counsel recommendation would be a prepared joint statement from the District and the Union.

Division Chief Jensen's Report: Included in board packet.

Division Chief Torrey's Report: Included in board packet.

Division Chief Wood's Report: Included in board packet.

Other: Chief Palmer gave the Board information regarding the CARES Act HHS stimulus funds.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Second Reading of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Ordinance No. 2020-01, "An Ordinance Excluding Fire Fighters and Employees from District Board of Directors". Ordinance read in its entirety by President Jacobs.

MOTION: Director Peters made a motion to Adopt Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Ordinance No. 2020-01. Director Delaney seconded. The Motion passed with all Directors in attendance voting yes via a Roll call vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter received from Wasco County: Chief Palmer provided the Board with copies of a letter that he received from Wasco County regarding their consideration of a Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone. This zone functions like an enterprise zone for eligible renewable energy type developments throughout the County. If established, this zone would have an impact on future property tax collections. President Jacobs would like to have a conversation with Matthew Klebes to try to get more information. The consensus of the Board is to send a letter to Wasco County asking for their consideration of LUDO language, similar to what is being done with The City of The Dalles.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

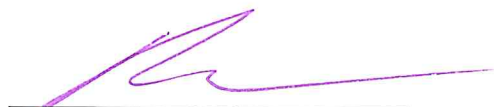
- a. There were no updates regarding labor negotiations, so the Board did not go into Executive Session.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

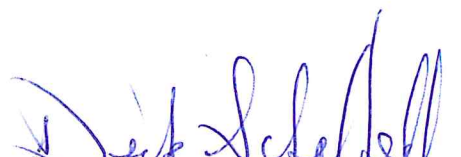
Director Delaney had some questions for Tom Peachey regarding the Ethics Commission complaint. Tom indicated that he would not anticipate any updates until June.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Board President



Secretary / Treasurer