



Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
July 21, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. Vice-President Bailey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- a. Directors Present: Diana Bailey, Walter Denstedt, Dick Schaffeld, Mike Erland and Chris Schanno.
- b. Staff Present: Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Adam Cole, Division Chief Chris Grant, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler. Division Chief Josh Beckner arrived at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers, past director Corey Case, and Captain Eric Blumenthal.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

- a. None.

5. NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

- a. Legal Counsel Andew Myers swore in new Board Members Chris Schanno and Mike Erland to the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Vice-President Bailey stated that the board needed to elect new officers and stated we would start with electing a new President. The floor was opened for nominations. Director Schaffeld nominated Diana Bailey, Director Erland seconded. Director Bailey then asked if there were any other nominations. Director Schanno nominated Walter Denstedt, Director Denstedt seconded. There were no further nominations. No discussion followed. Director Bailey then called for a vote for Diana Bailey as President by raising their hand. There were 3 votes for Diana Bailey; **Schaffeld – Yes, Erland – Yes, Bailey – Yes**. Those in favor of Walt Denstedt as President; 2 raised their right hand; **Schanno – Yes, Denstedt – Yes**. Director Bailey was elected as President.



- b. Vice President Position – Director Schaffeld nominated Walter Denstedt for Vice-President, Director Erland seconded. There were no other nominations and no discussion. All those in favor of Walter Denstedt as Vice-President raise your right hand.

Schanno – Yes

Erland – Yes

Schaffeld – Yes

Bailey – Yes

Denstedt – Yes

- c. Secretary/Treasurer – Director Schanno nominated Dick Schaffeld as Secretary, Director Erland seconded. Trough discussion among the directors after the nomination, it was determined that Director Schanno should have nominated Dick Schaffeld for Secretary/Treasurer not just Secretary. Director Schanno amended his nomination for Dick Schaffeld for Secretary and Treasurer, Director Erland seconded. President Bailey asked if there were any other nominations; hearing none she called for a vote by raising hands.

Schanno – Yes

Erland – Yes

Denstedt – Yes

Bailey – Yes

Schaffeld – Yes

7. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from June 16, 2025, Board Meeting stand approved as written.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. President Bailey went through the rules for public comment and asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak. She states they needed to state their name and address and had 5 minutes to speak. Corey Case, 2425 E 18th St, The Dalles OR spoke, he congratulated the new board members, stating he looks forward to seeing what they can bring to the board and our district to make it a stronger district. There were no other public comments.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Chief Jensen gave a brief overview of the balance sheets for the new board members. He pointed out that under Public Safety the Sick OT budget line was high due to lower staffing and having several people out with either new babies or long-term injuries. He also advised the board if there is anything they want to discuss with the financials he would be happy to meet with them before the board meeting or any time. He also stated that we can pull any reports they would like to see since we now have an in-house financial person.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – Chief Jensen explained the graph and the cost for collecting on the ambulance service. He also stated that the 3rd party biller



we use now does a good job, however our contract is up with them and he plans on having our new Business Services Manager look at other companies to compare rates.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt gave a verbal report along with his written report he submitted before the board meeting. He stated that the Mint building has no sprinkler system in the apartment but does have them in the rest of the building. The Basalt Commons received a 6-month extension. President Bailey asked about the American Legion building and if they received an extension. Chief Jensen explained to the new board members about the history of the Urban Renewal and that the Board had voted to sunset Urban Renewal. Lots of discussion followed.

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Chief Jensen's report – Report provided. Chief Jensen shared additional information on his board report and introduced our new Business Services Manager, Joe Talamantez and provided background information. Chief Jensen spoke a great deal on the Ambulance Service Area Agreement and Contract with lots of discussion. Chief Jensen elaborated on the briefing he had sent out to the board regarding a meeting he had attended regarding the ASA agreement and about his concerns. Director Denstedt stated that he wants to be proactive with this issue. Director Erland stated that he would like Chief Jensen to meet with him and Director Schanno and give them more information on this issue. No action was taken during the meeting.
- b. Chief Beckner's Report – Report provided.
- c. Chief Cole's Report – Report provided.
- d. Chief Grant's Report – Report provided.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Audit Agreement for FY 2024-25 – Chief Jensen explained about the audit agreement and stated that now that we have hired a new finance manager, we will be able to provide all the reports to RTO & Company instead of the city providing them. The auditor will be here in November to report on the audit. No formal action is required from the board.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Director Denstedt had a few comments to pass along regarding the Rowena Fire, stating that when the voters approved the bond for equipment, we were able to send our crew's out on the Rowena fire with no worries of the equipment breaking down. He wanted to say thank you to the voters for that. He also stated having the summer

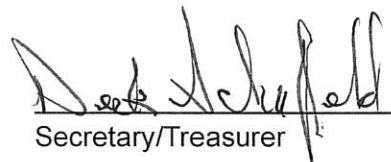


- crew that does the mitigation was another good thing to have them on the fire along with the apprentices.
- b. President Bailey spoke about the baseball game between MCFR and the Hustlers. She stated it was a great game and a lot of fun and showed support to our community with the fund raiser. Chief Jensen stated it was a good department bonding activity. He stated at one time he didn't think the game would go on because of the fire across the river but after much deliberation and consideration for the fundraiser for Rowena Victims he made the decision that the game would still go on.
 - c. MCFR has also put together a golf team for another fund raiser for the Rowena fire and will take place this Saturday. Next Thursday will be the officer graduation at 3:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 19:13 p.m.


Board President


Secretary/Treasurer