

MINUTES

Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
May 15, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and 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, Dick Schaffeld, Corey Case, Diana Bailey, and Dave Peters.

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

Excused: Assistant Chief David Jensen.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Meyer and Private Citizen Walter Denstedt.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

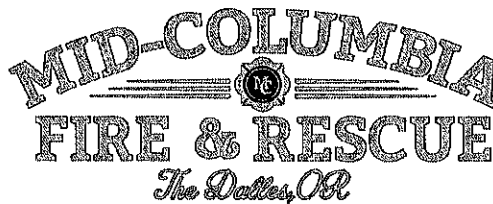
The minutes of the April 17, 2023, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Private citizen Walter Denstedt spoke briefly regarding out-of-town transfers and wanting to see the district come up with a plan to not use paramedics for the out-of-town transfers.

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 Peters stated that he attended the meeting and stated that there is no official plan for any new developments. He did say, however, that Freebridge Brewing has a partial plan for a new kitchen. The old Tony’s building has had people come out to look at demoing the building. The budget is \$750,000.

9. FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- a. Fire Chiefs Report – Included in Board Packet. Chief Palmer read through his report giving a brief description of each item and expanding on each. He did say an invoice would be sent out to OSFM for grant proceeds for the apprenticeship program. President Jacobs asked if there was a cost to the district for collecting data with Crystal Stiles. Chief Palmer stated there was no cost to the district. Director Case asked when the Stacker Butte lease was up, Chief Palmer stated in 2025. He stated that he is awaiting a response from Janelle Depolo.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen – Included in Board Packet. Chief Palmer spoke briefly about the statistics chart which was included in the board packet.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Beckner – Included in Board Packet. President Jacobs asked if the Wildland crew would be reporting to Chief Beckner or to someone else. Chief Palmer stated they would be reporting to Chief Beckner.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Wood - Included in Board Packet.
- e. Monthly Report – DC Coleman – Included in Board Packet. Chief Palmer spoke about the Irons in the Fire conference, he stated there were about 240 people here attending the different classes and that they went very well. There were people here from 6 different states.
- f. New Recruits Introduction – Chief Palmer introduced the 4 new dual-roll recruits to the board. They are Sloan Hall, Anthony Marty, Collin Matthias, and Brian Johnson. Graduation will be Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Sheet – Year-End Budget Update. Chief Palmer briefly explained why he included the year-end budget impacts. He stated that there would be more to come at the June Board meeting if necessary.
- b. Information Sheet – Surplus Items. Rehab vehicle to be surplus. Staff is recommending the vehicle be donated to Mosier Fire. Chief Palmer explained to the



board the different option for donating the vehicle to them. One option would be to transfer ownership over to Mosier fire, or a second option would be for MCFR to loan the vehicle to Mosier indefinitely with the intent after 3 to 5 years to transfer

ownership over to them. Brief discussion followed. Director Schaffeld made a motion to declare Exhibit A as surplus property. Upon surplus, the vehicle would be loaned Mosier F.D. After a period of 3 years, ownership of the vehicle would then be transferred to the Mosier Fire District. Bailey seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. President Jacobs reminded everyone of the Budget Committee meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Station 1.
- b. Chief Coleman reminded everyone of the Awards Banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023, banquet starts at 5:00 p.m. Chief Coleman also stated that there will be a graduation on June 2, 2023, for the dual-roll academy at 4:00 p.m. President Jacobs asked for a reminder about the graduation, Chief Palmer stated he would send out a reminder to everyone.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:14 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer