

MINUTES
Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtually Held
1400 W. 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
September 21, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the September 21, 2020 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue to order at 5:31 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 attended in person at Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue.

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Division Chief, Jay Wood; 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 and there were no members of the public who accessed the meeting via telephone or video conference.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

No Changes to the agenda.

5. MINUTES

The minutes for the August 17, 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 – Director Bailey attended the recent meeting of the Committee. First Street Project – there is a need for MCFR to look at traffic revisions and bike routes for safety issues. The Tony’s building is still being looked at. The Granada title was transferred to owner. The Mill Creek project is still trying to get going.
- b. Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

9. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Incident Report: There were 277 calls for service in the month of August, last year at this time we had 172 calls. So far this year we have had 1935, last year we had 1827.

Fire Chief Update: Chief Palmer provided the Board with a detailed report attached to the Board packet which gave updates on the Bond Project, Sale of Surplus apparatus and Surplus equipment, Policy Committee Progress, GEMT Program, Community Planning and Development, ASA Plan, BIA Fire Protection Contract, Leadership Assessment and Coaching, COVID-19 Pandemic Response, IGA with City of The Dalles, FF Hiring Process, Training Tower Demolition and Reconstruction, which is slated to get started mid-October. Silent Station Project, Shoretel Phone System, 9/11 Ceremony, Check Signers. Chief also gave updates on OSFM Blue Team - Mosier Creek Fire and OSFM Red Team – White River Fire.

One of the big topics discussed was the ladder truck. Several options were discussed with the result being the board wanting to move forward with attempts to sell thru Govdeals.com. The Board will revisit the possibility of donating or leasing this apparatus if it does not sell.

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**

None

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session at 6.07 pm in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Reconvened to regular session at 6:50 pm.

14. **NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED**


MOTION: Director Shaffeld made a motion to ratify the agreed upon changes to the collective bargaining agreement. Director Peters seconded. The motion passed with Jacobs, Bailey, Peters, Cronin and Schaffeld voting yes via a roll call vote.

15. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Director Jacobs commented on how appreciative he was of Steven and how he handled the bargaining.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Director Jacobs at 6:52 pm.



Board President



Secretary / Treasurer