



MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
May 19th, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- a. Directors Present: David Jacobs, Walter Denstedt, Corey Case, Dick Schaffeld and Diana Bailey.
- b. Staff Present: Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Adam Cole, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler. Division Chief Chris Grant was excused.
- c. Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

- a. No agenda changes except for the introduction of new hires after public comment.

5. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from April 21, 2025, the minutes stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.
- b. New Hires Introduced by Chief Adam Cole FF/P Kyle Smiley, LT. Kirk Hagman – Graduating June 12th with our apprentices. FF/P Patrick Foss was promoted to LT.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheet/Combined Cash Accounts – Director Case asked about GEMT payments. Chief Jensen stated that it looks like we will come in over what we had budgeted.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – Director Case wanted to know about he call volume being down. Chief Jensen stated that billable transport was down along with all calls by 5%.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT



- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt stated that the next meeting for the Urban Renewal Committee will be tomorrow May 20th, 2025. He handed out the agenda for the meeting stating that the Mint Building will be on the agenda requesting funds to support the continued renovation of their building. Denstedt stated that they would be voting on the proposal at the meeting.

9. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- a. Chief Jensen’s Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen shared additional details on his board report.
- b. Chief Beckner’s Report – Report provided.
- c. Chief Cole’s Report – Report provided.
- d. Chief Grant’s Report – Report provided.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. No correspondence.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2025-02; The resolution would remove Steve Biehn and Robert Palmer and replace with Wieldon Ishizaka and Josh Beckner. Director Bailey made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 A Resolution Amending the Mi-Columbia Fire and Rescue Qualified 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Reinstate the Trustees of the Plan. Director Denstedt seconded. After Director Bailey made a motion and it was seconded, it was pointed out that the spelling of Lt. Ishizaka was incorrect, therefore the first motion failed. Director Bailey then made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 A Resolution Amending the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Qualified 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Reinstate the Trustees of the Plan as corrected. Seconded by Director Denstedt. All in favor:
President Jacobs **YES**
Director Case **YES**
Director Bailey **YES**
Director Denstedt **YES**
Director Schaffeld **YES**
Motion passed unanimously with correction.
- b. Information Sheet – Financial Services Contract and establish Financial Manager Pay Scale. Chief Jensen gave an overview of how he came to the determination of the wage he would like to offer the Finance/HR Manager. He stated that there would be money in the 2025/2026 budget. He also stated that he put the wage at step 2 in



case the board wanted to adjust it either lower or higher. The Finance Director would be in a full-time position. Director Case asked if we would continue to use the same software system and Chief Jensen stated we would. President Jacobs asked if the city would continue to do our finances until we hired someone.

Director Case made a motion to approve the presented pay schedule for “Financial Services Manager” to be added to the Fire District Handbook with annual pay increases in line with all employee classifications for future years. Director Bailey seconded. All in favor:

President Jacobs **YES**

Director Case **YES**

Director Bailey **YES**

Director Schaffeld **YES**

Director Denstedt **YES**


Motion passed unanimously.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. OFDDA Conference will be November 20th – 22nd. Chief Jensen stated that you can sign up now for the conference. President Jacobs asked about an agenda, Chief Jensen will forward to the board as soon as one becomes available.
- b. Apprentice, Lieutenant and Firefighter graduation will be June 12th Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:07 p.m.



Board President



Secretary/Treasurer