

MINUTES
JEFFERSON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

Date: August 16, 2022

Jefferson Fire Station - Jefferson, OR

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board-President Jones.

FLAG SALUTE: Board-President Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Director Jones, Director Gonzalez, Director McKibben, Director Carter, and Director Linhart Fire Chief Hendricks, Tammy Robbins Administrative Assistant, (Absent: Training/Maintenance Officer Louis Gisler) Visitors: None

REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing

MINUTES: Motion made by Director Linhart, seconded by Director McKibben, to approve the minutes as listed above. All in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL ASSETS as of July 31, 2022

▪ Check Register Balance	\$ 170,323.34
▪ Local Government Inv. Pool	\$ 546,886.22
▪ Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
▪ Community Service Account	\$ 2,755.94
▪ Total	\$ 720,115.50

DIRECTOR'S RESEARCH GROUP REPORTS

FINANCE: (Director McKibben and Director Gonzalez) – None

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT: (Director Jones and Director Hoefler) – None

POLICY: (Director Gonzalez and Linhart) - None

Staff: None

CITY LIAISON: Director Jones stated the City Liaison was not available to attend this meeting.

VISITOR COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Chief Hiring Process – Chief Hendricks stated we have received two applications. The deadline to turn in an application is this Friday at 4:00. He would like to change the wording from the 15 miles to “desired you live in the district but negotiable. The board agreed. The Board decided to keep the special meeting on August 22, 2022 to review the applications.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ALARMS: Chief Hendricks informed the Board the reason they didn't receive the report is because we are still building the report in the new system.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Chief reported on a vehicle fire that was substantial. We are still having a hard time getting volunteers. We really need to hire firefighter positions, but the funding isn't there. We need to start prepping the community for the local option. The cost to hire one firefighter/paramedic is \$105,000 that includes salary and benefits. There is a grant writer that we would like to hire him to write the Safer grant. We do have coverage currently for the summer months due to a wildland grant.

Stayton just hired several Firefighters but there were no extra applicants. Director Linhart asked about firefighter's volunteering and using Jefferson as a steppingstone. Chief stated that happens now. Chief stated the trend currently is no one wants to be a Firefighter. We do have credits through Chemeketa because of the ambulance that was donated. Chief will talk with Chelsea to advertise one or two scholarships offering college classes will be paid for if they sign up and work for a year or two. Currently we advertise for recruitment of a firefighter through Chemeketa, Daily dispatch, Facebook, poster. There are also grants out there.

Director Carter stated if there is anything she can do to help she is working from home and has some flexibility in her schedule. She would like to help. Chief commented that there is some research that can be done. It was commented that Emergency Services in general is at a critical state everywhere.

There was continued discussion between the board and the Chief on different ideas.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL- The Accounts Payable and Projected Payroll for the month of July 2022: \$98,229.62; General Fund Payable-\$27,418.76, Payroll-\$70,810.86 Grant Fund Payable-\$0, Payroll-\$0, Equipment Reserve Fund-\$

The Board reviewed the accounts payable. Motion by Director Gonzalez seconded by Director McKibben to pay the bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business to be brought before the Board of Directors, it was moved by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Board President


Administrative Assistant

7/20/22 Date