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A. POSITIONS AND TERMS

The Board of Directors of the District shall consist of five members serving four-year staggered terms. Each board member is charged with serving the best interests of the district, will exercise and carry out the powers and authority granted by the Oregon Revised Statutes, including ORS Chapter 198, and those statutes outlined in the Principal Act for Jefferson Fire District, ORS Chapter 478. Each board member shall serve an equal role on the board, and the board shall operate as a whole. Board members have no individual authority except that expressly delegated by the board. All board members shall serve at large.

B. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The election of Board members shall be conducted as provided by ORS Chapter 255.

C. QUALIFICATIONS

No person elected or appointed to the Board shall be sworn in unless such person meets the qualifications for office set forth in ORS Chapter 478. If questions exist regarding the eligibility of any candidate, the Board shall obtain an opinion from legal counsel prior to swearing in such person.

No person shall be eligible to serve as a Director of the District if that person is a member of the District, firefighter, support, paid, volunteer or any affiliation.

D. OATH OF OFFICE

Each newly elected or appointed Board member shall take an oath of office at a Board meeting prior to assuming the duties of the position.

E. TERM OF OFFICE

Except where the Board or the County Commission is filling a vacancy on the Board, terms of office shall start on July 1.

F. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the Board. If a majority of the membership of the Board is vacant, or if a majority cannot agree, the vacancies shall be filled promptly by the County Commission of Marion County. The period of service of a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall expire on the June 30 after the next regular District election at which a successor is elected. The successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the term of the position for which the appointment was made. If the term for which the appointment was made expires June 30 after election of the successor, the successor shall be elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall take office July 1 next following his or her election.