



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
September 16, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue 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, Corey Case, Walter Denstedt, and Dick Schaffeld. Director Bailey attended via phone.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistant Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Jay Wood, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Adam Cole, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and Gordon Sletmoe with SDAO.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

Director Denstedt is requesting to revisit the Board policy amendment he proposed, which was postponed during the August 19 Board meeting, under old business.

5. MINUTES

President Jacobs inquired if there were any revisions needed for the August 19, 2024, Board minutes. Director Denstedt noted that the minutes should indicate the policy change was tabled to allow Director Case more time for a detailed review of the policy. The minutes are approved as amended.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. President Jacobs asked the audience attending the Life-Saving Awards ceremony if there were any public comments. There were none.
- b. Chief Palmer spoke to honor those who saved Colton Jennings after a traumatic experience. He shared details of the event, then awarded certificates and a Challenge coin to the rescuers. Colton later gave Chief Palmer thank-you letters from his family.



7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheet/Combined Cash Account – No questions asked.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report - No questions asked.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt announced the next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024. He anticipates a vote to request additional funding from all members. Discussion ensued.
- b. EZ Report – Nothing to report.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Fire Chief's Report – Included in board packet. Chief Palmer read through his report and gave a more detailed report.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen – Included in board packet.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Beckner - Included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Wood - Included in board packet.
- e. Monthly Report – DC Cole - Included in board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Agenda item change per Director Denstedt tabled from August 19, 2024 Board meeting. President Jacobs stated under Policy 4.1 Preparation for Board Meeting Director Denstedt is proposing that the board amend item 3 language to read "any board member may have matters placed on the meeting agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting. Requests shall be submitted in writing to the board president or the Fire Chief at least 10 business days prior to the next regular meeting".

The proposal had been put forth; President Jacobs indicated that he was open to further suggestions. After additional discussions, Director Denstedt moved to amend Policy 4.1 under A. Distribution of materials to board members, particularly item 3 and the language just read by the Chairman.

Director Bailey requested Director Denstedt to read the entire proposed change. Director Denstedt complied. President Jacobs acknowledged a motion and asked for a second. Hearing none, the motion failed due to lack of a second.



12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Sheet – Revisions to Policy 4 of the MCFR Board policy manual reflecting updates to the Oregon Public Meeting Law. President Jacobs mentioned that SDAO had proposed some changes, which were adopted verbatim to align with new laws on public meetings. He inquired if the board had any concerns. Director Bailey clarified that the revisions were made for compliance and also included basic edits. With no further discussion, President Jacobs called for a motion. Director Case moved to adopt the revisions, seconded by Director Bailey. The motion passed unanimously with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Adjourned to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(a) "To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent". Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER


Director Denstedt mentioned the Oregon Fire Directors Association conference in Sunriver and said he would be attending. He asked if anyone else was interested, noting that the conference runs from November 7 to 9. He also mentioned that a house was rented and there is accommodation available for those who wish to join.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Board President



Secretary/Treasurer