



MINUTES

Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
January 24, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President David Jacobs called the January 24, 2022, meeting of 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, Dick Schaffeld.

Directors via video conference: Diana Bailey and Dave Peters.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistance Chief David Jensen, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Staff via video conference: Division Chief Jay Wood and Division Chief Fred Coleman.

Others present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

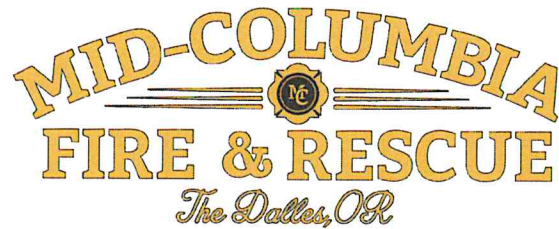
The minutes of the December 20, 2021, regular meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Cash Account Summary – There were no comments.
- b. Ambulance Service Finance Report – Director Peters asked if the bar graph showing the fees would be a good place to show the GEMT funds and the CCO funds. Chief Palmer stated that the GEMT funds and the initial CCO reimbursement come as a lump sum. GEMT funds are accounted for separately from ambulance revenue. Initial CCO lump sum reimbursement will be accounted for in the GEMT funds account. Future monthly CCO reimbursements will be included in the Ambulance



revenue account. A brief discussion followed regarding the CCO funds and the GEMT funds and how the funds will be paid. GEMT will be paid by a lump sum from OHA via ACH. The CCO's are billed in normal fashion by Systems Design. Chief Palmer reiterated the district will receive a lump sum reimbursement from the CCO's for CY 2021. He noted he would speak with System Design as to how the billing process will work with CCO's.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Bailey stated she was unable to attend the Urban Renewal meeting due to a family commitment, however she stated one thing of importance was that Chair Grossman stepped down from the end of his term after many years of service to the Urban Renewal. Director Bailey also stated she did not know who was elected as the new Chair and Vice Chair which was one of the action items. Also, one of the action items was consideration of the Fifth addendum to the Recreation building, a discussion on Urban Renewal financials and incentives, and an update on the Tony's building.
- b. Enterprise Zone Report – Deferred to New Business.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Incident Reports/911 Statistics – Run stats show we had 301 calls for service in December and the prior year we had 251 calls for service. Year to Date total calls we had 3508 compared to last 2020 we had 2956 calls for service. Chief Palmer stated that there was an increase in calls for last month of over 50 calls.
- b. Fire Chief' update – Chief Palmer spoke briefly about each topic in his report that was included in the Board packet. Chief Palmer stated that he had been working on updating the Policies. President Jacobs asked if there were any significant changes. Chief Palmer stated that all polices are currently being revised and reformatted. Five of these policies are currently under review in the collective bargaining process.
- c. Monthly Report – AC Jensen – Included in Board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Wood – Included in Board packet.
- e. Monthly Report – DC Coleman – Included in Board packet.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

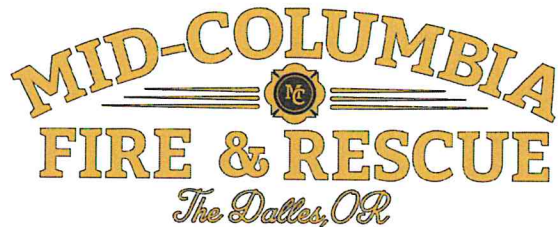
12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-01 "Adopting a Supplemental Budget for FY 2021-22, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures from and within Various Funds of the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Adopted Budget. President Jacobs asked if there



were any questions regarding the Supplemental Budget spreadsheet that Chief Palmer had sent out showing the breakdown of the allocated funds. Director Case asked about the single role wildland firefighters. A brief discussion followed. President Jacobs asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he stated he would entertain a motion. Director Case made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, Adopting a Supplemental Budget for FY 2021-22, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures within the General Fund of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. Director Schaffeld seconded. President Jacobs asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none he called for the vote. "All in Favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-01 – "Repealing of Fire Code Ordinance". Chief Palmer stated that a First Reading needed to be done at this board meeting and then a second reading at the February 28th board meeting with consideration and adoption by Resolution. Director Bailey had a question regarding the documentation. She stated that sometimes the documentation called it the "State Fire Code" and other places in the documentation it's called the "Fire Codes". She wanted to know if that would make a difference in the resolution. Chief Palmer stated that the current ordinance says Fire Code Ordinance and that Oregon Fire Code and Fire Code for MCFR are synonymous. Chief Palmer then stated that the ordinance needed to be read. President Jacobs completed a first reading of Ordinance 2022-01. President Jacobs confirmed no motion was needed and that the ordinance just needed to be read.
- c. Information Sheet – Consideration of Strategic Investment Program (SIP) Community Service Fee (CSF) Distribution. President Jacobs read through the information sheet, he stated that he and Chief Palmer will be meeting with the six taxing districts to determine how the CSF funds will be distributed. A discussion followed specifically regarding the \$750,000 loan and the percentage MCFR would receive from Google Project 1 and Project 2. President Jacobs would like to see at least 18.4% for the Project 1 and work towards the same for Project 2. After much discussion Director Bailey stated that Chief Palmer and President Jacobs had put together a very good proposal and she felt that the district should move forward with the original plan as understood. She asked what President Jacobs and Chief Palmer needed from the board. Chief Palmer stated that it would be beneficial to have a motion as to the direction the board would like the negotiating team to go. President Jacobs wanted everyone else's thoughts. He polled each board member. Director Peters stated he wanted the plan to keep going forward. Director Case wanted the plan to move forward. Director Schaffeld wanted to see the plan move forward also. President Jacobs read through the different options that were listed on the information sheet to determine what would be the best course of action. Director Bailey asked what is needed in direct wording from the board to help clarify the boards position. She stated she needed the structure to move forward with a motion.



President Jacobs stated that the recommendation suggested is open ended enough that the negotiation team can work with it to come up with a solution that would work for the district. He hopes to at least negotiate to get the full 18.4% for project 1 and the \$750,000 loan. Director Bailey then asked both President Jacobs and Legal Counsel Myers how the motion should be worded. After hearing from both, Director Bailey made a motion that the board allow for an adoption of any combination noted above that secures the initial loan of \$750,000 and CSF distribution that maintains the original 18.4% full taxing authority for Project 1 and 2 by our negotiation team. Chief Palmer asked if the board would be satisfied with any one of the options. Director Bailey stated that she is giving the negotiation team the option to adopt all or parts of the puzzle in the motion. Chief Palmer asked if there were any options in the list that the board would not want the negotiation team to do. President Jacobs stated that Director Bailey was not giving them options, but for the negotiation team to negotiate the \$750,000 loan and the 18.4% on both projects 1 and 2. How they get there is up to the negotiation team. Director Schaffeld seconded. Legal Counsel read back what Director Bailey had proposed. President Jacobs called for the vote. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Case asked if the next meeting with the negotiation team was coming up soon. President Jacobs stated that the decision must be made by March 19th. There has been no date set yet for the meeting. Director Peters asked as the SIP meetings become more public, is the district ready to sell our version of what we should be doing. He asked if anyone was working on flyers that can be given to the public. Director Peters stated there needs to be something out there to answer people's questions about the loan. President Jacobs agreed and asked the Chief to put together some talking points. Chief Palmer requested the Board members to forward him any questions that they think the public may approach them with. He will put something together to address these as well as other potential questions and forward this information to each Board member.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.


Board President
Board Secretary/Treasurer