



MINUTES  
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
In Person / Virtually Held  
1400 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, OR 97058  
February 27, 2023

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Diana Bailey, Dick Schaffeld, Dave Peters and Corey Case.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistant Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Jay Wood, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler. Division Chief Fred Coleman was excused.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and private citizen Walter Denstedt. There was one individual listening on-line.

**4. AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**5. MINUTES**

President Jacobs had a correction under Committee Reports item B, he would like the statement to read: he stated that Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue potentially could receive approximately \$550,000. Director Bailey also had a correction under Committee Reports item A, Urban Renewal is working on the grant process and are adjusting process to fulfill difficulties with making the fire suppression work. President Jacobs asked if there were any other corrections, hearing none minutes stand approved as corrected.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Private citizen Walt Denstedt spoke about the employees that have left stating that we lost 2 more paramedics. Mr. Denstedt also had a letter he wanted to give to the board from a citizen that had positive things to say about MCFR. Mr. Denstedt stated that people in the community appreciate the EMS more then they do the fire portion of MCFR. When he



handed the letter to the board he stated that he wanted to bring something positive to the board.

Chief Palmer introduced the new single-role EMS candidate Collin Matthias to the board.

#### **7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Director Case asked if the new Type III trucks had been paid for yet. Chief Jensen stated that they had been, but it would be in the February financials. There were no other questions.
- b. Ambulance Service Report – Chief Palmer handed out an updated Ambulance Report. There were no questions.

#### **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Renewal Report – No report, Director Peters has not attended a meeting yet since he was appointed to the committee.
- b. Enterprise Zone – Nothing to report. Per request of President Jacobs, the Enterprise Zone committee report will be deleted from future board agendas.

#### **9. FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

- a. Fire Chiefs Report – Chief Palmer read through his report he included in the board packet, touching on each item giving a more detailed description.
- b. Monthly Report – AC Jensen – Chief Palmer read through Chief Jensen's report briefly touching on each item. Chief Jensen spoke briefly about the Standards of Cover Training that he attended at the National Fire Academy, he stated it was a very valuable class.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Wood – Chief Palmer read through Chief Wood's report briefly touching on each item in the report. Director Bailey thanked Chief Wood for his help and his responsiveness over the weekend. President Jacobs spoke about the email system. He stated he was able to move all his email to Outlook. Director Peters asked how to reach Pacific Office Automation for help with transitioning his email over to the correct system. Director Case stated he is getting notifications for the board meetings through his personal email. Chief Palmer stated he would fix that.
- d. Monthly Report- DC Coleman – Chief Palmer read through Chief Colemans report. President Jacobs spoke about Volunteer Eric Pyles, congratulating him on his retirement.

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **11. OLD BUSINESS**



None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**13. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Moved to after returning from Executive Session.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session at 6:10pm in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
- b. Executive Session ended at 7:20pm rejoined regular board meeting at 7:22pm.

**15. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Palmer stated that the conference that he and the board members attended was well-attend and an excellent conference.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 19:22pm.



Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer