



Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
January 26, 2026

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Bailey called the Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Diana Bailey, Chris Schanno, Walt Denstedt, Corey Case. Dick Schaffeld arrived at 5:53p.m.

Staff Present: Fire Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Chris Grant, Division Chief Adam Cole, Business Services Manager Joe Talamantez, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and one person online, Charlie Kelley.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from December 15, 2025, Board meeting stand approved as written.
- b. Minutes from December 22, 2025, Special Board meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bailey read through the public comment rules, then asked Charlie Kelley if she wished to speak about anything. She did not want to speak, only listen. There was no one else online or in the audience.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Chief Jensen advised the board that our Business Services Manager created a snapshot overview report to summarize monthly changes and will evolve if there are any changes from the board. Chief Jensen also stated that most of our tax revenue has landed in our accounts, and the District will not see much more tax revenue for the rest of the year but will meet our budgeted target. GEMT revenue should start showing up in May or June. Chief Jensen stated that we have \$73,000 in the revenue line right now that came in from the previous year but didn't get distributed to the District until after last fiscal year. CCO money should also start coming in but timing is currently unknown. Director Case asked if we were getting better at recognizing CCO money coming in. Chief



Jensen stated not with CCO money. He stated there is no easy way to see what each payment is for at the time of deposit.

2. Ambulance Service Financial Report - Chief Jensen stated there was a dip in revenue in April and May. In June the District saw the ambulance revenue become steady again. He stated he reached out to our ambulance biller to see how we can improve documentation, which will increase our collection rates. Chief Jensen stated that the uncollectible or disallowed is based on a Medicare or Medicaid patient and CMS will only pay a set amount. The biller did an audit during last fiscal year and stated they found that we are doing a pretty good job with documentation. The biller has offered to provide training to the crews to ensure we have good documentation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt stated he did not attend the meeting so had no report to give.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Chief Jensen's Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen provided an update on the items he included in his report. Chief Jensen stated there are no new meetings scheduled yet on the Ambulance Service Area. He states he has put in a request for a meeting but has not heard anything back yet. He also stated that he had heard there is one being planned, but there are no times set yet or an agenda. President Bailey asked if it would be a public meeting or a meeting with just the ASA committee members. Chief Jensen advised that he doesn't know yet what is being planned. He stated he will let everyone know once he knows. Chief Jensen also spoke about being asked by both the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and Special Districts Association of Oregon to be a representative for the fire service on the Rules Advisory Committee regarding the development of ASAs, which he has agreed to be.

Chief Jensen also spoke about the CAD process, stating that it is on track to go live in June. Director Schanno asked if there would be any glitches, Chief Jensen stated that the information will be going to a training platform first with live data going to it, so by the time it goes live most of the glitches would be addressed. He went on to give more details on the rest of his report.

- b. Chief Beckner's Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen hit on some of the highlights on Chief Beckner's report, stating that the first ambulance is being outfitted right now and should be ready very soon. Chief Jensen also stated that ESO went to a different platform so some of the graphs and data are not accurate right now but it is being worked on.
- c. Chief Grant's Report - Report provided.



- d. Chief Cole's Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen advised that one of the first paramedic students is now a licensed paramedic. He stated that it wasn't in Chief Cole's report because it just took place. Firefight Jaxson Daskalos is now on shift as a Firefighter/Paramedic. He stated this is fantastic to see and we have more coming up behind him.

Director Denstedt had questions regarding the graph from page 24 on the nighttime transfers. He was curious about the transfers that happen after 2000 hours. Stating that he thought that Life Flight was handling more nighttime transfers than MCFR. Chief Jensen explained we are double-checking all transfers and finding that most of them are valid transfers. He also stated that most of our transfers have stayed pretty level. We did 184 transfers last year and we are down from previous years. He also stated that MCFR has been meeting with the hospital monthly. Director Denstedt stated that an ambulance company coming from Portland to handle transfers is a positive sign. President Bailey appreciates all the work that has been done on the transfers.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2026-01 "A Resolution Adding and Removing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. This resolution removes Mike Erland and adds Corey Case as a check signer. Director Schanno made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, Establishing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. Director Denstedt seconded. All in favor 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
Schanno – Yes
Denstedt – Yes
Case – Yes
Schaffeld – Yes
Bailey – Yes
- b. Information Sheet – Appointment of Budget Officer. Director Case made a motion to appoint Fire Chief David Jensen as the Budget Officer for FY 2026-27. Director Schaffeld seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
Schanno – Yes
Denstedt – Yes
Case – Yes
Schaffeld – Yes
Bailey – Yes
- c. Information Sheet – Approval of Budget Calendar. Chief Jensen stated that there is no movement with the Budget Committee that everyone is within their term. He



stated that they double check the budget calendar and are confident that it is correct. Director Schanno made a motion to adopt the budget calendar for FY 2026-27 as proposed. Director Denstedt seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Schanno – Yes

Denstedt – Yes

Case – Yes

Schaffeld – Yes

Bailey – Yes

- d. Information Sheet – Surplus Property Exhibit “A” Director Schaffeld made a motion to declare items noted on Exhibit “A” as surplus. Director Schanno seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Schanno – Yes

Denstedt – Yes

Case – Yes

Schaffeld – Yes

Bailey – Yes

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192_660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing. Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01p.m.

President Bailey called the meeting back to order, she asked if there were any other comments from the other directors. President Bailey had one comment to make stating that the executive session has a set salary schedule as already approved and that the cost of living increase is standard and set in the already approved handbook. She thanked Chief Jensen for his service.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

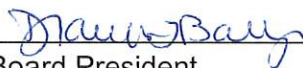
President Bailey asked if there was any Good of the Order. Director Schanno advised that he would not be at the meeting in February. President Bailey also brought up the conference, stating she would not be able to attend. Director Case and Director Schaffeld will be going.

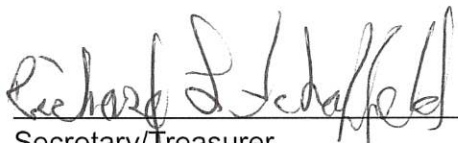
Chief Jensen advised that at next board meeting Jeff the CEO from SDAO, will be coming to give a presentation that will take about 45 minutes. He explained that it will help with getting our points and our credit for insurance. Satisfying credits helps us achieve a reduction on our insurance. Chief Jensen stated that there was an option, if the board would rather not have it during a board meeting there would be a special session or do it during March board meeting. There was some discussion on the importance of having a meeting where all board directors are present. President Bailey and Chief Jensen will meet and decide when.



14. ADJOURNMENT

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 18:37p.m.


Board President


Secretary/Treasurer