



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
May 20, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue meeting 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, Diana Bailey, Dick Schaffeld, and Walter Denstedt.

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 Meyers.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 2024, meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on-line or in-person.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – No Comments.
- b. Ambulance Service Financial Report – No Comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt had nothing to report at this time.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Fire Chief's Report – Included in board packet. Chief Palmer read through his report, and provided more detail on each item. Chief Palmer received feedback from certain



board members on the ASA contract, and has compiled a list of the feedback he received and is having the District's legal counsel look it over as well. Once Chief Palmer hears back from legal counsel input will be forwarded to the Wasco County Emergency manager for consideration.

- b. Monthly Report – Assistant Chief – included in board packet. Chief Palmer went through Chief Jensen's report touching on each item. Chief Palmer did state that Chief Jensen was awarded the Chief Fire Officer designation, congratulating him on this high achievement.
- 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.
- f. Other items as noted – Chief Palmer spoke about Chief Beckner collaborating with Wasco County and the State Fire Marshal's office on 2023/2024 Community Wildfire Protection Grant. This federal grant in the amount of \$5.9 million was awarded on May 14, 2024. Chief Palmer provided more details on the grant and the participants benefiting from it. He stated that MCFR will be responsible for the mitigation and defensible space around homes and that the Soil & Water Conservation District will be involved as well. There was considerable discussion surrounding the components of this grant and how it will benefit Wasco County as a whole.
- g. Structure Fire – Chief Palmer gave a report on the structure fire that took place on May 16, 2024.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS


None.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:12 p.m.


Board President


Secretary/Treasurer