



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
October 21, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire & 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, and Dick Schaffeld. Director Bailey attended via phone. Director Denstedt was excused to attend the Urban Renewal Board meeting.

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

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

Discussion of wages and benefits for the new Fire Chief moved to New Business, as Legal Counsel advised these cannot be discussed in an executive session. President Jacobs asked for objections and if the executive session was still needed. The board decided there was no need, and everything will be discussed under New Business.

5. MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 16, 2024, regular Board meeting stand approved as written.
- b. Minutes of the September 23, 2024, Special Board meeting stand approved as written.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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



8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Nothing to report, Director Denstedt attending Urban Renewal meeting tonight.
- b. EZ Report - Nothing to report.

9. FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- a. Fire Chiefs Report – Included in board packet. Chief Jensen went through Chief Palmer’s report hitting on the highlights.
- b. Monthly Report – DC Beckner, included in board packet.
- c. Monthly Report – DC Wood, included in board packet.
- d. Monthly Report – DC Cole, included in board packet
- e. Monthly Report – AC Jensen, included in board packet.
- f.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2024-5 – Director Case made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05, a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Wasco County concerning distribution and use of grant funds awarded to Wasco County for a Community Wildlife Defense Grant Project. Director Schaffeld seconded. Motion carried with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.
- b. Information Sheet – Surplus Property. Director Case made a motion to declare items on Exhibit “A” as surplus. Director Schaffeld seconded. Motion passed with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.
- c. Fire Chief’s Contract - The Fire Chief’s contract was thoroughly discussed, with proposed edits. Director Bailey requested these edits be reviewed before approval, while Director Case wanted to delay approval until after the background check. The draft contract will be considered for ratification at the November Board meeting.

President Jacobs called for a motion on the salary. Director Schaffeld moved to set the salary at Step 3 starting December 1st, 2024, for the chief’s position, seconded by Director Case. The vote passed unanimously with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Director Bailey stated that the salary will take effect only if Chief Jensen passes the background check and the Board signs the contract. The motion solely addressed the salary, and the vote was unanimous.



13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 18:31 p.m.

Board President

Secretary/Treasurer