

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1

Board of Directors

September 9, 2021

6:00pm – Central Station

LOCATION: Central Fire Station – 1800 Monmouth St. Independence, OR 97351

Also streamed via Zoom at:

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Meeting ID: 885 0155 8202 - Passcode: 707682

President Mike Lippsmeyer (at Station 90)

Vice President Jeff Hamilton (at Station 90)

Director Dan Miller (at Station 90)

ABSENT:

Secretary Cord Von Derahe (at Station 90)

Director Curtis Cole (at Station 90)

Chief Ben Stange (at Station 90)

DC Neal Olson (at Station 90)

Office Admin. Stephanie Hale (at Station 90)

Office Assistant Mary Carlson (at Station 90)

ABSENT:

DC Mike Mayfield

President Lippsmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lippsmeyer stated anyone wishing to address the Board to please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss.

He added the Meeting Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve August 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for August 1-31, 2021
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of August 2021

President Lippsmeyer – Asked if there were any questions. None at this time.

President Lippsmeyer – Asked how the Board would like to take the Agenda.

Vice President Hamilton – Stated to take the Agenda as a whole.

Director Miller – Second.

President Lippsmeyer – All in favor, none opposed, carried – Agenda approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mandatory Vaccination of Personnel – **Chief Stange** reported on the Mandatory Vaccination of Personnel and how it would affect our District. Chief Stange indicated, at this point, it does not appear that we will lose any full time employees due to the mandate. He added there are several volunteers who will not be getting vaccinated. Chief Stange stated this mandate will not be a permanent law and we have given those not willing to vaccinate two options. He added

they can either take a leave of absence or continue to volunteer in a non-response role temporarily. Chief Stange stated at Station 90 we expect to lose approximately four to six volunteers, Station 70 will lose one or two, Station 80 none, and the largest impact is that Station 40 will be forced to close.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a) **September 11th Observation – Chief Stange** stated it is the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attack and the District will observe the responders and people that were killed that day starting at 6:59 a.m. Saturday. Chief Stange added that the observation would also be on Facebook live.
- b) **Personnel Update – Chief Stange** stated Chief Mayfield will continue medical leave through October. Captain Kissell will stay on as Administrative Captain and Firefighter/Paramedic Jennifer Wagner will stay on as AIC for B Shift. Chief added we now have 6 residents, 2 for each shift. Chief Stange stated that Grant Thies has signed on as a part-time paramedic. Grant was a former resident and has received his Paramedic License and will help us out when needed. Chief Stange added that James Nesbit has left due to moving to Washington and working at Clackamas Fire.
- c) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** reported that this last month we responded to 13 COVID calls. He added we responded to two suicide calls, two vehicle crashes where one patient needed to be extricated, and a small 3.5 acre field fire, which we received help from SW Polk and ODF.
- d) **Member of the Month – Chief Stange** announced that Adam Chinnock and Charles Prouty were members of the month.

President Lippsmeyer – Asked Chief Stange what is going on with the SW Polk Ambulance application.

Chief Stange – Stated SW Polk needed a letter from the County to request a license. He added they are going through the steps.

President Lippsmeyer – Asked what kind of impact it would have on Polk Fire.

Chief Stange – Stated none as the ASA is currently written.

President Lippsmeyer – Asked if there are any risks for Polk Fire.

Chief Stange – Stated we will see what the County does. He added we will be waiting and watching closely.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA: Chief Stange stated a year ago we sent a crew out to Lincoln County to help fight a wildland fire, and today we received a colorful glass ball as a thank you from the group of Finders Keepers of Lincoln City. Chief Stange brought the glass ball for the Board to see.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660 (If necessitated by business): Not at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lippsmeyer adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes by Mary Carlson.