

**POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1**  
**Board of Directors**  
**January 10, 2020**  
**6:00pm – Central Station**

**President Mike Lippsmeyer**  
**Vice President Jeff Hamilton**  
**Secretary Cord Von Derahe**  
**Director Curtis Cole**  
**Director Freeman Stutzman**  
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**Chief Ben Stange**  
**DC Neal Olson**  
**DC Mike Mayfield**  
**Office Administrator Susan Shepard**  
**Office Assistant Mary Carlson**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**President Lippsmeyer** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Note:** Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

**AUDIENCE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Please sign Request List to address the Board.

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS:**

No comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Board Agenda.
- 2) Approve December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- 3) Financials:
  - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for December 1-31, 2019.
  - 3b. Finance report for the month of December 2019.

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

**Secretary Von Derahe** – Stated to take it as a whole.

**Director Cole** – Second.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Presentation – 2019 Annual Review** – **Chief Stange** prepared a power point of the 2019 year of statistics and projects. Chief Stange stated that there was some misunderstanding among some personnel as to what constituted an “emergent” vs “non-emergent” response on the District’s charting software. The result was that response compliance for ambulances were not accurate. Chief Stange reported on turnout times for home responders, EMS calls handled by mutual aid, structure fires in town and out of town, and fire statistics. He concluded with projects from 2019 and on to plans for 2020.

- b) **Coalition of Fire Districts – Chief Stange** reviewed the history of “The Coalition,” a group of fire agencies who are attempting to work closer together and eventually merge. He said that at the onset, Dallas Fire, SW Polk RFPD, and PCFD were talking about ways to work closer together. Once Sheridan and West Valley Fire joined the conversation, PCFD’s Board withdrew from the talks citing logistics, demographics, and geography. Chief Stange reported that recently Dallas Fire withdrew from The Coalition as well. The Coalition has representation now from Sheridan, West Valley, and SW Polk RFPD, and has extended another invitation to PCFD to join. Chief Stange stated the Board may take action if they desire. After discussion, the Board of Directors was not interested in being involved with The Coalition and stated it was not beneficial for PCFD. They encouraged Chief Stange to continue working closely with Dallas Fire.

**CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- a) **Recruit Academy starts February 5<sup>th</sup> – Chief Stange** stated next Wednesday night they will be presenting an introduction for the academy. There are eight signed up and one is our resident here at station 90.
- b) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** stated there were a couple notable incidents this last month. On New Year’s Eve we had a barn fire and 16 personnel responded with apparatus from all our stations. The fire was down the road from Station 80 and the lack of volunteers for that area impacted the ability to meet the District’s Standard. Chief Stange stated the District worked aggressively last year to recruit volunteers in Airlie including going door to door without success. The second incident was an apartment fire by Western Oregon University. This ended up being a cooking fire successfully extinguished by the sprinkler system.
- c) **Member of the Month – Chief Stange** stated that Marie Hardwick was recognized for Member of the Month for her work on the Christmas Party and time spent on the Holiday Project.

**TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:**

Nothing at this time.

**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 the meeting at 6:32pm.

Minutes by Mary Carlson.