

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
August 11th, 2022
6:00pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, Or 97351

Also Virtually at:

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Meeting ID: 885 0155 8202 - Passcode: 707682

President Mike Lippsmeyer	Chief Ben Stange
Vice President Jeff Hamilton (ABSENT)	DC Frank Ehrmantraut
Secretary Cord Von Derahe	DC Neal Olson (ABSENT)
Director Curtis Cole	Office Admin. Stephanie Hale
Director Dan Miller	Office Assistant Tirzah Romero (ABSENT)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anyone wishing to address the Board please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss. If you are online, please use the raise hand feature when it comes time for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes but the Board welcomes additional information in writing. Typically a speaker's comment is taken under advisement to allow time for the Board to review an issue, however, the Board may ask a speaker for additional information or may convey to the speaker some information that addresses their comment.

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 July 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for July 1-31, 2022
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of July 2022

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

Director Curtis Cole – 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:

- a.) **Code-Save Recognition: Chief Stange** stated- in attendance is an individual whose heart stopped. PCFD responded to her. Take a minute to recognize the crew and the first person, who does not always get recognition, Mora from Willamette Valley Communication Center (Dispatch). Chief Stange explains the incident briefly and recognizes McIntosh, Champ, Martin, Silver, Wells, and Storms and presents each with a Lifesaving Coin. A group photo is taken with the individual.

Chief Stange suggested a five-minute break to allow guests to exit after code save recognition.

President Lippsmeyer adjourns the meeting for a 5-minute break at 6:05 pm.

President Lippsmeyer resumes the meeting at 6:10 pm.

b.) Auditor Contract for Service: Chief Stange stated- Polk County Fire District No.1 contracts with Certified Public Accountant to conduct annual audits. He added that in the past our audits have been completed by Grove, Mueller, & Swank, P.C. Chief Stange stated this firm has consistently provided auditors who offer and present professional and thorough reports to the Board. He added the firm provides auditing for many public agencies in the area. Chief Stange stated it is notable that its firm rotates its auditors, ensuring that we do not get audited by the same individual more than a couple years in a row. Chief Stange put a copy of the Agreement in the Board Books. Chief Stange presented two options:

1. Contract for auditing services from Grove, Mueller, & Swank, P.C.
2. Instruct staff to locate alternative auditors.

Secretary Von Derahe - I move that we accept the Service Agreement with Grove, Mueller, & Swank P. C. dated July 3, 2022.

Director Miller – Second.

President Lippsmeyer- All in favor- none opposed, carried.

CHIEFS REPORT:

a.) Property Tax Freeze for Seniors (November ballot measure): Chief Stange stated- there is a Measure on the November ballot to freeze property taxes for seniors ages 65 and older in Oregon. This can impact us because the population in our district is largely homeowners over the age of 65. This is similar to URD. The polls are high (79%) and it is a strong possibility this measure will pass. Special Districts, cities, and counties are very involved in the rule making to see how it cannot impact our services, as it potentially could.

President Lippsmeyer asked – has any one done modeling on this measure?

Chief Stange answered – it is still a ballot so part of the rules haven't been written yet, and reading the proposed part it is "opt in". There are many factors that we won't know the answer to until final rules are written.

b.) Bike MS Standby: Chief Stange stated – they have been coming to our community for quite a few years and we have loosely supported them. Chief Ehrmantraut this year spent a lot of time with their organizer. Ended up having our physicians available to standby. The volunteers provided quite a bit of care, and did a great job representing our agency. Some were asked by the company to do extra hours and to come back early the next day. All the time that Chief Ehrmantraut put into this was definitely worth it. Allison Wells, Jeff Joles, Stuart Edger, Laura Trevorrow and Brady Anderson really put in a lot of time.

c.) Polk County Task Force to Miller Rd/Dodge Fire: Chief Stange stated – we mobilized a week ago Wednesday morning. It was a Polk County Strike Team. Engineer Austin Champ went as a Strike Team trainee. Chief Ehrmantraut and Lieutenant Hoem took one of the brush rigs, while, Fire Fighter Burchfield from Station 70 went with someone from Dallas on one of our tenders. About four people mobilized on that conflagration, and were gone from Wednesday 3:30 am until Sunday 6:30 pm. By all accounts, all went well. The crew that was put together have worked together before, are comfortable working together and knew what they were doing. They were the last task force out there helping until the very end.

d.) Notable Incidents: Chief Stange stated – the crew took two additional CPR calls. There were a couple kitchen fires. There was a small fire at the mill on F St. and was extinguished. A mattress fire, caused by juveniles in a house. There was a wire down on River Rd. because someone sheared off a pole and closed that road for a few hours. A car ran into the pole at the front of the building (St.90) some wires were down, and electricity out down Main St. There was a potential of a fire on Halls Ferry Rd. An individual was mowing late in the day but brought a 1200 gal water tank with him and was able to put it out. There was a car fire

after they turned off their car today. There was another car fire on Monmouth Street after they turned off their vehicle.

- e.) **Member of the Month: Chief Stange stated** – the member of the month is Tirzah Romero. She did well whilst Stephanie and I were gone for a week in July.

Salem Hospital: Divert Policy - Chief Stange stated – We were let know right away. After 30 years of not going divert it was very interesting. They have the space but don't have enough staff. They were concerned about being overrun. There is a capacity issue across the state.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Secretary Von Derahe - Congrats on the Code-Save.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660. If necessitated by business. None Anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lippsmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm

Minutes by Tirzah Romero-Reddick