



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

October 21, 2024

Directors

- President Derek Wing
- Vice President Bruce Daniel (Out of Town)
- Secretary/Treasurer Lee Means
- Board Member Raymond Byrne, Jr.
- Board Member George Burnette Dillon

Staff

- Fire Chief Darren Bucich
- Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
- Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the Supplemental Budget meeting for the amended 2024-2025 budget to order at 12:01 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

No Guests

President Derek Wing turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer Fire Chief Darren Bucich.

Supplemental Budget Review and Adoption of the amended 2024-2025 Budget: Budget Officer Fire Chief Darren Bucich reviewed the proposed supplemental budget.

Grant Revenue increased from \$100,000 to \$473,211: this increase is due to the award of the EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant, \$325,000, and the Representative Cedric Hayden Infrastructure funding, \$48,211. This increase required a supplemental budget to be in compliance with the State of Oregon budget laws.

Capital Outlay: Land & Building increase from \$20,000 to \$68,211: the Representative Cedric Hayden Infrastructure funding, \$48,211 increased this line.

Capital Outlay: Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant, \$325,000: this line was added to Capital Outlay for the purpose of tracking the EWEB Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant, awarded by EWEB.

Following discussion, Lee Means moved to adopt the 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget as presented by Budget Officer Fire Chief Darren Bucich. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Supplemental Budget Hearing adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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No Guests



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Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the September 16, 2024, Board meeting. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of September, subject to audit, was made by Lee Means. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Bucich's written report was included in the Board packet. Also discussed: Grants: The District was not awarded the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant. There has been no word on the Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grant to date.

PIER Grant: We are waiting on an award letter from Lane County, who will be managing the grant funds.

EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant: Many people work during the week so we may need to coordinate weekend door-to-door shifts to begin a list of interested homeowners.

Student Program: One of the five current students has been hired for a shift position at Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District. He will finish the Fall term as a student and then drop the Student Program.

16-4 Roof: Roof replacement, including gutters and fascia, was in the planning for the 2025-2026 budget but with the award of the Representative Cedric Hayden Infrastructure funding, Chief Bucich would like to replace it this budget year.

Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to spend up to \$25,000 from the Capital Outlay: Land & Building Reserve fund to replace the roof at 16-4 (Vida). George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Digital Sign: The award of the 2023 SAFER grant included \$30,000 to be used toward the purchase of a new digital sign in front of 16-3. Deputy Chief Bart Thompson has received one quote and is waiting on two additional quotes to determine the best option for the district.

Solar Panels: Chief Bucich is obtaining quotes for solar panels to be installed on 16-3. He will report to the Board at the November Board meeting.

Pump Testing: Following the annual pump testing, 1641 will be taken into Hughes Fire for seal repairs.

Halloween: The crew working on Halloween will take an engine and hand out on Madrone Street.

EWEB Dam Exercise: McKenzie Fire & Rescue will host the 2024 EWEB Dam Exercise on Thursday, October 24th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be no stretching class that day.



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Fatal Wreck: McKenzie Fire & Rescue responded to a fatal car wreck recently that shut highway 126 down for almost 6 hours. Chief Bucich discussed response options for calls that could happen beyond a road closure.

Personnel: Chief Bucich reviewed a payroll report with the Board and proposed a 5% pay increase for personnel identified during the meeting.

Following discussion, George Burnette Dillon moved to approve a 5% pay increase for shift personnel and administrative personnel. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Items

Resolution #3 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Lone Rock Conflagration, \$31,078

Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #3 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Lone Rock Conflagration, \$31,078. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution #4 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Falls/Telephone Conflagration, \$60,404

Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #4 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Falls/Telephone Conflagration, \$60,404. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Chief Bucich clarified Board officer positions for 2024-2025, verified from the June 2024 board elections.

President: Derek Wing

Vice-President: Bruce Daniel

Secretary-Treasurer: Lee Means

Good of the Order

Board President Derek Wing thanked Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce for keeping him updated during the recent highway closure.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 18th, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer