



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

March 20, 2023

Directors

- President Bruce Daniel
- Vice President Derek Wing
- Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr.
- Board Member – VACANT
- Board Member Lee Means

Staff

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

President Bruce Daniel called the March meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:02 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Dale Ledyard, Budget Committee Member

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Derek Wing moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the February 21st, 2023, Board meeting. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Chief's Report: Chief Bucich's written report was included in the Board packet. Also discussed:

Water Tank: Chief Bucich reported weather delays, both from California, where the tank is located, and locally with rain, snow, and ice. Transport and set up will happen quickly, once the weather breaks.

Staff Vehicles: After discussing delays on the purchase of two staff vehicles during the February Board meeting due to supply issues, two became available. The new 1693 is in District and is being modified for use. The new 1692 is being shipped. Chief Bucich will provide updates as they become available. Both trucks were purchased with government pricing and Deputy Chief Thompson estimates the total costs will be close to the allocated amount of \$70,000 each.

New Engine: The new engine remains at Hughes Fire while they complete the list of repair items. Chief Bucich will provide updates as they become available.

Disaster Relief Logistics Center: Chief Bucich reported that Ausland Group has put the project out for bid and was pleased with the number of responses received. Bids will close next week and Ausland will compile the final numbers.



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Training: Chief Bucich recently met with volunteers during drill to assess training needs. With Training Officer Captain David Sherwood on shift, training duties during drill have been shared among staff. A small group of volunteers are working with Deputy Chief Bart Thompson with ideas on facilitating drill and District training needs. Chief Bucich reported that the meeting at both day drill and evening drill were positive and went well.

Lift Bags: The District recently purchased Lift Bags, a device used to aid with lift assists. These are especially helpful in small areas and reduce the risk of strain injuries for responders. McKenzie Fire & Rescue invited Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) to watch a demonstration. SDAO is considering adding lift bags as an option for their Safety & Security grants. If added, the District will be eligible for reimbursement on the lift bags purchased this year.

Library Paint: Chief Bucich is researching options for repainting the Library. Because the paint is likely lead-based, special precautions will need to be taken.

No Action Items

Unfinished Business

Policy Discussion: Raymond Byrne, Jr. asked that this discussion be moved to the April agenda.

Board Vacancy: Interest in this position has been expressed by a Budget Committee member. Chief Bucich will meet with this individual to discuss his interest further.

No New Business

Good of the Order

Raymond Byrne, Jr. enjoyed the annual Awards Banquet, held on Saturday, February 25th. Attendance and dinner were great.

Fisherman's Breakfast: staff has reached out to the Volunteer Association regarding the Fisherman's Breakfast. Currently, there are no plans to host the event.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th, 2023, immediately following the Budget Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Leaburg Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer