



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

September 16, 2024

- Directors
- President Derek Wing
 - Vice President Bruce Daniel
 - 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 September meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:01 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Rory Bradely, McKenzie Fire & Rescue new hire
Chris Heppel, Deputy Fire Chief, Eugene Springfield Fire (came in at 12:32 p.m.)

Chief Bucich introduced Rory Bradely as our new firefighter following the hiring process. The Board welcomed Rory, who comes to us from Lane Fire Authority.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Bruce Daniel moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the August 19, 2024, Board meeting. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of August, subject to audit, was made by Lee Means. Raymond Byrne, Jr. 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 awarded the 2023 SAFER grant, \$377,000. This is a 4-year grant. The grant however, did not allow for mileage reimbursement for the students. Chief Bucich will continue to fund mileage reimbursements from the district's Student Program budget line. The SAFER grant also provided \$30,000 toward the replacement of the reader board. The Chief and Deputy Chief will research new signs based on local needs: two-sided for road closure notifications, etc. We have requested an amendment to the current SAFER grant to continue to expend funds through December 31st, 2024. This would include the purchase of turnouts.

Resiliency Grant: Chief Bucich also reported that we were not awarded the Resiliency grant. We are still waiting on news for the AFG, FP&S, and PIER grants.



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Student Program: The student program will begin at the end of September. We have five students currently. One returning student has applied for a shift firefighter position with a neighboring agency. If hired, he will not return.

Mobile Crisis Van: Chief Bucich reported that a Lane County Mobile Crisis unit will be stationed at 16-1. They will be donating \$75 monthly to the district to offset electricity/Wi-Fi, etc. costs. It is understood that we will not provide housekeeping services for their staff.

Walterville Waddle: District members provided traffic control and a Pub Ed booth for the Walterville Waddle.

Greenwood Village Drive: On September 15, 2024, crews were dispatched to a possible house fire on Greenwood Village Drive. They arrived to find the dishwasher on fire. Overall, it was a great response by district personnel and the home was saved.

Volunteer Incident: During a recent response to a vehicle fire, a volunteer responded in their personal truck and inadvertently rolled into a power pole, damaging the front of their truck. Following discussion, Bruce Daniel moved to reimburse the volunteer for their deductible, up to \$1,000, with proof of payment. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Items

Resolution #2 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Upper Applegate Immediate Response (IR), \$12,217

Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #2 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Upper Applegate Immediate Response (IR), \$12,217. Bruce Daniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business



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New Business

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Heppel, with Eugene Springfield Fire, presented Fire Chief Bucich with the 2024 Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) Presidents Award. This award is not given regularly but when presented, is to an individual with sustained involvement and significant impact within multi-layers of government: locally, regionally, State and Federal.

For Chief Bucich's continued service, representing Fire Chief's across the State and McKenzie Fire & Rescue, the OFCA awarded the 2024 Presidents award to him.

Chief Bucich thanked Deputy Fire Chief Chris Heppel, OFCA Past President, for this honor and the Board for their continued support.



Good of the Order

Board Director Raymond Byrne, Jr. congratulated Chief Bucich on receiving the 2024 OFCA Presidents award.

Flu Shot Clinic – September 25th in the Training Center at 9 am and 6:30 pm. Open to volunteers, staff, board and family members. Note: this is NOT the recommended senior dose.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 21st at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer