



# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

September 19, 2022

Directors

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

Staff

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

President Bruce Daniel called the September meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:02 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

## No Guests

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Derek Wing moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the August 15, 2022, 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 August, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

**Logistics Building:** Chief Bucich, Deputy Chief Bart Thompson, and Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce are attending weekly meetings with Ausland Group. The Project Manager is working with a cost estimator and should have the estimate complete by the October Board meeting. We are waiting on word from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office on the additional assistance request.

**AFG Grant:** The District was awarded a \$50,000 micro grant for the purchase of all-band radios. There will be a small match that will be our responsibility.

**Student Program/ Weekend Personnel:** We have four students in the Student Program. Chief Bucich would like to establish a standard of service – a minimum of two qualified responders and a student. While he investigates the cost of this, he would like to continue hiring additional personnel on the weekend. This will likely increase the Overtime and Temporary Service lines. After discussion, the Board agrees that the District should continue to hire additional personnel on the weekends.



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Wind Event: The forecasted wind event did not take place as predicted. The District was prepared with additional response personnel. The Lane County Fire Defense Board organized two task forces for immediate response should a fire incident occur. Local power utility companies also implemented a public safety power shut-off. During this time the Training Center was open as a cooling shelter. Deputy Chief gave an overview of the communication challenges and the re-energizing process.

1631: Chief Bucich shared photos of recent damage to 1631 and the estimate for repair. The truck is in service until repair parts are available.

Conflagration: Chief Bucich provided the Board with an overview of each conflagration deployment.

Wage Scale: Chief Bucich reviewed the current wage scale. He would like to adjust the wages of several positions. After discussion, Chief Bucich will create a proposal for initial review by Board President Bruce Daniel and Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr. before the October Board meeting.

## Action Items

Resolution #4 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Task Force 1 – Pre-positioning Deployment, \$16,479

*Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #4 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Task Force 1 – Pre-positioning Deployment, \$16,479. Rick Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

## Unfinished Business

The Levy discussion was removed from the agenda until September 2023.

## New Business:

Thanksgiving: Rick Thompson reported that the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Booster Association met and would like to proceed with the community Thanksgiving meal. Chief Bucich will investigate available personnel to assist and report back at the October meeting.

## Good of the Order

The Oregon Fire District Directors Association conference will be held in Hood River in November. If any Board member is interested in attending let Dulcy Pierce know.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at the Leaburg Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer