



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

March 18, 2024

Directors

- President Bruce Daniel
- Vice President Derek Wing
- Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr.
- Board Member George Burnette Dillon
- 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 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Tracy Jones & Nicole Darcy, RAS Group, LLC.

Presentation of the 2022-2023 Audit: Nicole Darcy, RAS Group, LLC, reviewed the Management Letter and Letter to the Governing Board. These letters provided an overview of the 2022-2023 audit. Overall, the District is in good shape. Following questions, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the 2022-2023 audit. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Lee Means moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the February 20, 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 February, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. Derek Wing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

PREP Meetings: Locals Helping Locals is hosting a series of meetings to help the community better understand a variety of preparedness topics. The next meeting will be held in the Training Center from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, April 13th and will highlight prescribed burning and fire danger levels.

Proposed Mushroom Facility: Chief Bucich and Deputy Chief Thompson met with the owner of the property where the proposed mushroom processing facility will be and a land use consultant. Following the conversation, the District may revise the letter of concern sent to Lane County. Currently, no permits have been issued.



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Grant Opportunities: It is grant season and we will be submitting for many grants in the next two months.

Walterville Canal: Walterville Canal has been drained after locating leaks. It will likely be down for the summer months, maybe longer, according to EWEB. Chief Bucich will be planning for the use of alternate water resources.

DRLC: A water leak was discovered in the wall of the DRLC. We are still waiting on the asphalt repairs and a handful of small items, otherwise the project is complete. We are planning on an Open House for the stakeholders and a potential open house/levy meeting for community members.

No Action

No Unfinished Business

New Business

20-356 Operations Levy: A marketing plan for the upcoming Levy was discussed. Chief Bucich reported that several community members have offered to help advertise. He will be coordinating with them. A levy calendar will be created to meet all deadlines.

Good of the Order

2024-2025 Budget books are ready to be picked up.

The Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th, at 11:00 am.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center, following the Budget Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer