



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

April 15, 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 April meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 11:36 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, following the Budget Committee meeting at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Budget Committee Members Dana Burwell, Dale Ledyard, and John Sullivan

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the March 18, 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 March, 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:

GMRS Meetings: Dana Burwell and Deputy Chief Bart Thompson held a radio meeting in the Training Center on Saturday, April 20th. Dana Burwell provided a brief update.

Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District: Chief Plews is retiring in May and the District has posted the job opening and will be accepting applications.

Cyber Security: The District continues to investigate ways to improve cyber security. Following discussion with several outside IT companies, many are opting out of managing cyber security for outside agencies due to the liability. Chief Bucich reported that the District will continue to work on bettering our system.

Grant Opportunities: We have submitted the following grant requests:

- Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant: Compressor, radios, and pagers
- SAFER grant: Student Program
- OSFM Wildfire Staffing Grant: Seasonal Staffing
- PIER Funding/Water Tank Project
- Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S): LED Sign



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We will also be submitting a grant on behalf of the Leaburg Library for lighting and concrete work.

Water Resource Reductions: In addition to the closure of the Walterville canal, the fish hatcheries will also be closed for use. The District will continue to investigate alternate fill sites.

Water Tanks: The initial contact with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has retired so Chief Bucich is identifying new contacts to try and move forward with the Goodpasture Road project. Chief Bucich is also pursuing a water tank on Leaburg Dam Road and is working with EWEB for approval.

Climate Control Trailers: Chief Bucich has been working through contract revisions with DHS. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Chief Bucich should continue to pursue the placement of one DHS climate-controlled trailer in district.

16-4 Office Space: Chief Bucich proposed a renovation project at 16-4 (Vida) to create office space. Board member George Burnette Dillon is concerned this may open the station apparatus and equipment up to vandalism and theft. After discussion, the Board agreed that Chief Bucich investigate this further, for future discussion.

No Action Items

Unfinished Business

20-356 Operations Levy Flyer: The Board reviewed the proposed flyer and approved with recommended revisions. These will be printed by a copy shop in Springfield for post office delivery on 4/25/24.

20-356 Operations Levy Signs: The McKenzie Fire Booster's Association ordered levy yard signs for community members.

No New Business

Good of the Order

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer