

Sheridan Fire District
Board Meeting
March 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Cory Chrisma, Tammy Heidt, Ray Bottenberg

Absent: Gary Giddings, Pete Gutbrod

Others Present: Chief Les Thomas, Marguerite Alexander, Aiden Jensen, Division Chief Phill Riggs, Cierra Benjamin, Jason Neumann

No one joining us online.

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Ray moved to approve the minutes from the Feb. 13 meeting. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cory moved to approve the financials for Feb. 2024. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No audience participation.

Old Business:

1. Brush truck remount. (Pictures shown to board.) The vehicle is ready to go. It will go for radios, then come back.
2. Captain Testing. We started with 10 applicants and are down to 7. Six attended the testing. Chief's interview will be on 3/18. Civil Service to meet 3/20 then results will be made public. Three in-house made it to the finals. Eight external examiners came in to make sure we were fair.
3. Chief's Report (See attached.) We are working to get ESO to match the CAD. The Siletz grant is finished. The AFG micro grant is also completed. (\$50K to \$75K.) We requested funding for gear extractor, dryer and 12 sets of PPE. A larger AFG grant is for \$685K for a new engine. The SAFER grant just opened and would allow us to hire 6 people for 3 years. Chief took a grant writing class at the SDAO conference. He asked the instructor if he might help us apply for this grant. (He has a 60% success rate.) It needs to be written as if it is seasonal. (If there is no money after the three years, they won't continue on.) We need to write an MOU with the union. We went to check on a carbon-based sheen from the lumber mill today. It is getting into the drainage system and into the river. DEQ came out. The mill will be billed.
4. We have had two structure fires, a chimney fire, a restaurant fire and a challenging horse rescue.
5. We are spending our ODF money which has a 50% match. We are able to cover some of our uniform purchases.
6. March 19 will be the pre-inspection with OSHA.
7. We are getting quotes for concrete repair. (Work would not be done this year.)
8. One of our volunteers wired in the compressor.

9. City has asked us to burn the house across the street. Late this month or next month.
(End of Chief's Report.)

Tammy would like the Safety Committee meeting minutes monthly.

New Business:

1. Budget Season
 - A preliminary calendar has been prepared. There was one change based on the new publication schedule for the *News-Register*.
 - Chief has 90% of the documents started.
 - Chief would like one member of the Board to help review the budget before presenting it to the budget committee.
 - Last year we contracted with Kathie to help with the budget process. Have asked for her help again this year. Next year we might not need the extra help.
 - Chief is especially concerned about supplemental budget.
 - The Board was okay with budget calendar.
2. There was some discussion of the levy. We'll have to see how things play out with the West Valley Fire District bond.
3. We received the preliminary 2021-2022 audit. There are a few changes to be made. Then the board will receive a draft. Then we can start the 2022-2023 audit

Ray made a motion to adjourn. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Marguerite Alexander