

Sheridan Fire District Board

July 9, 2024

Board members present: Tammy Heidt, Gary Giddings, Pete Gutbrod, Ray Bottenberg, Cory Chrisman

Others present: Chief Les Thomas, Marguerite Alexander, Capt. Jay Payne

No one online initially. Jason Neumann connected by iPhone at 6:34 p.m. and Nicole Fitzgerald joined at 6:38 p.m.

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Added election of officers to agenda per Tammy.

Election of Officers: Cory made a motion to keep the officers as they currently stand. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board meeting minutes.

- Correct item #5 under Chief's Report -- question of clarification was not removed.
- FCI – billing for past bills. Tammy suggested letting it sit through the summer. There may be a change of administration later this year We should jump on it before that happens.

Ray moved to approve the minutes with the one correction. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials:

Pete made a motion to approve the financials from June of 2024. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public comment: None

Old Business:

1. The Type 3 (HB9) has been placed into service and has been on several calls. It still needs chevron striping in the back and a stripe on the side. It is available to be deployed— Reimbursement rate is \$75 per hour from call out until return.
2. Chief is working on a tax anticipation loan. David Ulbright from SDAO will help prepare it. Chief may have to call an emergency virtual meeting if needed. Otherwise it will be at the next meeting: The loan amount will be \$400,000 to \$600,000 and we would carry it until December when we get the tax money.
3. Chief's Report:
 - We have been proactive: Checking draft sites and keeping an eye on things.
 - There has been an official inspection of lumber storage as requested from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The process is in it's second year and is now punitive. The business will be given 30 days to remedy the problems.
 - The 2012 Brush truck is now in service and the air conditioner fixed.
 - We have four brush trucks including old Br. 97. We will keep all of them through fire season, then we will sell Br. 97.
 - We are handling rumor control from Ballston. Yes, we are meeting ISO requirements and we have three vehicles at St. 98 –Tender 97, the white engine and the 2012 Brush Truck. Contrary to rumor, the motor did not blow on the old brush truck. We took the pump apart and found rocks in the screen. It will be in service and ready to go.

- We still have a grant request out for apparatus. Our share would be \$35,000 of the \$650K cost.
- Lift assists. We are working with Yamhill CCO with a goal of a campaign for fall prevention.
- Apparatus maintenance has been minimal. \$650 hose replaced. Back in service.
- Apparatus has been shuffled. Volunteers and staff were all involved. Brush in Ballston has 3000 miles on it and will be rotated. That met with some resistance.
- All vehicles in our fleet are compliant, unlike last year.
- St. 98 needs work. Although the leaks were fixed prior to Cody leaving, there is rot and mold. The bathroom section will have to come down. It is probably a winter project.
- Line staff have been busy reworking equipment while on duty as well as working toward meeting the goals and objectives of the organization.

4. Community Outreach.

It was a busy month with two days of Hometown Days activities and Story Time at the library. The honorees have plans to take the 1935 Engine through the Fourth of July parade in Willamina. The service for Darlene Grauer was well attended, and the family appreciated the show of support from the fire district. The new Brayden manikins, purchased with a grant from the Siletz Tribe, have been put into use and have gotten great reviews from students.

There is a drive to repaint the 1935 engine. A Go Fund Me page has been set up. The museum was approached and is willing to help, but not right now. Tammy said the gold leaf will have to be hand applied.

Ray moved to approve Resolution FY 2024-25-001 – an annual resolution giving us the right to pay bills. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Misc.

- According to Pete, the update in the West Valley Bulletin Board was well received. He suggested we return to regular columns. Tammy would like to see information put on the Facebook page and also on our website.
- A request was made to add Cost Recovery to the Chief's Report.

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite Alexander
Administrative Assistant