

Sheridan Fire District
Board of Directors
4.08.2025

Attendance: Gary Giddings, Ray Bottenberg, Cory Chrisman, Tammy Heidt

Absent: Pete Gutbrod

Others: Chief Les Thomas, Marguerite Alexander, Division Chief Riggs, Tobias Watson, Mike Alger of West Valley Fire, Nick Giannettino, Brandon (online) and Nicole Fitzgerald (online), Teresa added online at 7:43 p.m.

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Flag Salute

Approval of the Minutes from the March 11 Board Meeting: Cory moved to accept the meeting minutes and Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of the financials for the month of March: Gary made a motion to approve the financials. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Director Gary Giddings confirmed that he reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for the month of March 2025.

Audience Participation: There was no audience participation.

Old Business:

Melio Bill Pay. Marguerite went to Nestucca Fire Protection District and saw how HelenFaye did online bill pay. It has been recommended that we wait until we change over to Umpqua Bank before pursuing the online pay option.

New Business:

1. Chief's Report. (See attached.)
2. We received a call from Polk 1. They have a 1994 Tender available and would like to give it to Sheridan. It carries 3000 gallons. Chief would like permission to go look at it. It would go into Buell so we would have water in the areas we need. The board gave its blessing to pursue investigating the possibility of us obtaining the water tender from Polk 1.
3. Community Outreach (See attached.)
4. Umpqua Bank Update: Tammy spoke with the VP at the Dallas branch: Our account should be set up soon. They discussed establishing a line of credit. That will go to the public lending arm. Chief and Tammy emailed the documents the bank needed. Tammy is hoping to have an update by the end of the week. Tammy addressed one of the

concerns: access to the bank. Tammy contacted Kathie. Bryan Fitzsimmons banks with Umpqua. Many other fire districts do as well. Tammy said there were three things Kathie needed including electronic access. We can set up a machine to read the checks eliminating the need to go in to deposit them. Other accounts will stay open for a short period of time; FCI payments (SAM) will take a little time to move. Tammy talked about getting credit cards at Umpqua and eliminating them at First Federal.

Tammy made a motion that that under no circumstances will district credit cards be used for cash advances. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 3870: Has moved from the house committee to the Joint Ways and Means committee. Chief is making phone calls and meeting with members of the Ways and Means Committee. He talked to legislators and 7 of the 12 are on board with fire safety. He will go to Salem on April 16. Chief has an appointment at 1 to meet with one legislator who is on the fence. We did not choose the amount requested. We will continue offering services at the current level. No new equipment. No additional employees. We are looking at sustainability. The fiscal forecast is due out May 16 or 17. We will know then whether it is supported, partially supported or not supported at all. We have 128 letters of support and received unanimous support from the City Council – Chief attended the meeting last night. The bill is on track. The Ways and Means Committee wants all the letters in one pdf. (Churches on Sunday? Flyers in windows of businesses?) A board member in a neighboring district is telling people we mismanaged the money and that is why we are in the situation we are in. Ray said he will be in Salem on April 16 and might be able to attend with Chief Thomas.

Budget Calendar: The Board reviewed the proposed budget calendar. Tammy has a conflict on May 20 but might be available at 7 p.m. There were no other conflicts.

We received one application for the Budget Committee: Nick Giannettino.

Gary made a motion to nominate Nick to serve on the Budget Committee. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried. Leo Crick will not be able to continue as he is moving out of town. Chief said we will advertise the open position.

Accuity contract: Time to renew. Kathie recommended we keep them until we are caught up with audits. The contract is the same but the amount has increased to \$10,200/year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Alexander, Administrative Assistant