

IRRIGON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: 08/14/2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Bob Vandecar, Scott Ezell, Gayland Bledsoe and Ashley Munkers. Also present was Charlene Cooley, as recordkeeper, Thomas Roberts, as Interim Fire Chief

Guest present: Cecil Jensen, Joey Munkers, Cecil Jensen, Steve Munkers

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Gayland Bledsoe and seconded by Scott Ezell to approve the minutes with corrections. All in favor; motion passed.

Chief's Report – 27 documented calls in July, 123 calls total for 2023. Averaging almost 1 per day.

Public Outreach – Chief and Firefighter Jensen read to youth at the library in July. Participated in the annual Watermelon Festival. Will be ongoing with the American Red Cross installing smoke detectors in community homes.

Training – DPSST is reinstating the department's on-sight training. Chief's credentials, certified instructor, have been approved through FF1.

Waiting for a quote from ATS for online training.

Nolan Doors will be coming out to look at and give a quote to update doors in garage.

Financials – Reviewed with no questions. Gayland Bledsoe moved to approve; Scott Ezell seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Old Business –

1. Permanent Fire Chief Position Update – Robert believes the application process will be ready in September.
2. Interface 241 –
 - a. Final Payment – Scott made a motion to release the final payment. Ashley Munkers seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Vehicle Status (upgrades & Maintenance) – Truck might have an electrical issue. Ryan from FD1 will try coming by to look at the truck. (He is the mechanic for FD1 and is familiar with the equipment.)
 - i. NW Metal Fab has quoted a custom bumper and winch for \$2500-\$3000. Ashley Munkers made a motion to have NW Metal Fab do this work, Gayland Bledsoe seconded, motion carried.
3. Grants/Project Updates
 - a. Wildfire Grant – Spending is on track and Charlene will have a report to review at September's meeting.
 - i. Staffing has been light so the grant might see us through the middle of October.
 - b. OSFM Engine Program – Nothing to report.
4. Station/Equipment Upgrades Update
 - a. Exit Signs & Emergency Lighting – In progress.
 - b. Administrative Office – In progress, almost done.
 - c. Networking – Phones are on backorder, so the digital system is on hold until then.
 - d. Bay Doors – Nolan Doors will be coming out to look at them and give an estimate for maintenance.
 - e. Trash Dumpster – Chief asked the city to receive a dumpster to replace the can. Garbage is overflowing.
 - f. Apparatus Backing Guides – Re-working the lines on equipment to correct irregular lines.
 - g. District Web Page – Page is live.
5. Online Training Program – Waiting for quote from ATS.
6. District Policies Review – Please review for approval.
 - a. 1.1.0 - Mission and Goals – Scott Ezell moved to approve; Ashley Munkers seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
 - b. 1.2.0 – Introductory Purpose/Organizational Chart – Scott asked a question regarding the chain of command. Chief explained his process on this policy. Scott Ezell moved to approve; Gayland Bledsoe seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
 - c. 1.3.0 – General Rules of Conduct – Scott suggested the consequence portion of this policy be consistent going forward on other policies. Gayland Bledsoe moved to approve; Ashley Munkers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. 1.6.0 – Alcohol and Drug Use - Robert had questions and discussion was had on this policy. Policy needs more clarification before it can be approved.

New Business –

1. Chief would like to request personal PPE for water rescue volunteers. This will allow them to work cohesively with other agencies in the group. Scott Ezell moved to spend up to \$5000 on water rescue gear, Scott Ezell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Chief is requesting to update packs with progressive lines for vehicles. Board approved the spending (within Chief's spending limits) to achieve this.

Bills Payable - The bills were presented for payment. Motion was made by Scott Ezell and seconded by Gayland Bledsoe to pay the bills as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment – Steve Munkers as a new board member of the health district attended the meeting as part of their public outreach.

Announcements –

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Next Meeting September 11, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Cooley
Recordkeeper

Executive Session: