

IRRIGON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: 01/08/2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Robert Vandecar, Gayland Bledsoe, Ashley Munkers and Scott Ezell.

Members not present: Burrel Cooley

Also present were Charlene Cooley as recordkeeper, Thomas Roberts, as Interim Fire Chief.

Guest present: Cecil Jensen, Tyler Elliott, Josey & Clint Foster.

Minutes from December 11, 2023 were reviewed, Scott Ezell moved to accept, Ashley Munkers seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Board Member Ezell mentioned a phone call from Emily Roberts regarding a rumor of a phone call between Boardman and Irrigon.

Chief's Report –11 calls of service for December.

Public outreach – completed 50 baskets for local families with collaboration with the Moose Lodge.

Continuing to work on updating fire alarms in local homes.

Working with Umatilla on training.

Awards banquet, doors open at 6, with dinner at 6:30.

Hose and ladder testing is complete.

Scheduling the first weekly meeting (prior work session) will take place the following Tuesday.

Financials –Scott Ezell moved to accept, Gayland Bledsoe seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Financial review is complete and we should have our booklets back before February meeting.

Old Business

1. Fire Chief – Charlene got the information from Umatilla and will go the same direction they did for advertising the position.
2. Rescue Surplus – the department that was interested in it declined. There is a process of moving surplus old equipment and Chief will look into the steps required.
3. Grants/ Project Updates
 - a. OSFM Engine – Chief may be going to Salem soon to pick up a pallet of equipment that will be on this truck.
 - i. Agreement with OSFM – signed and sent back to Salem. Decal files were sent in so that they may have our decals on the truck at delivery.
 - Delivery date still unknown.
 - ii. Apparatus Storage Options – No change from last month's discussion.
4. Christmas Food Baskets – See above in Chief Report.
5. Firefighter Banquet – See above in Chief Report.
6. CDA Land and Unincorporated Land Annexation – Not much movement on this from December's discussion. 680 acres are still slated for IRFPD and an agreement was written up. Chief feels this agreement should be changed some with re-wording items.

New Business –

1. Credit card necessity – In the event the Chief's card is temporarily shut down, or not available there might be a need for another card in house if needed.
 - a. Gayland Bledsoe does not have an issue. Scott Ezell talked about ways to handle an additional card, and discussion was had regarding how many cards and credit limits. Gayland Bledsoe moved that the department issues a second card with a \$2000 limit. Scott Ezell seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Board member Vandecar will go into the bank to discuss this and make it happen.

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

Public Comment – Josie Foster resigning her position as lieutenant and training officer effective immediately. Officer Foster left her letter, a box of training materials and her keys. She will remain part of the department, just not as an officer.

Cecil Jensen has a team going to the Seattle Stair Climber fund raiser and has asked that it be treated as a training opportunity. Several of our members will be attending as part of one team, 3 firefighters will be going. March 10, 2024. Gayland Bledsoe moved to pay travel expenses for 4 to this event for training experience. Ashley Munkers seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Announcements –

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Next Meeting February 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Cooley
Recordkeeper

Executive Session: