

IRRIGON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: 09/11/2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Joey Munkers, Steve Munkers

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

Chief's Report – 18 calls to service for IRFPD, total annual 242.

Public Outreach – continuing Red Cross campaign for smoke detectors in homes.

Fire Fighters present at Irrigon Family Fun Night.

Working with individual firefighters to ensure they are current on trainings.

Umatilla Fire Chief interested in aligning both department's training needs.

Reached out to new owners of structures across 730, tearing them down and possibly using them for training.

Will be attending Oregon Emergency Management conference in October.

Beginning process of winter/holiday food drive.

Short discussion on burn permits.

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

Old Business –

1. Permanent Fire Chief Position Update – Robert has been working on this and wants to know what kind of requirements the board wants to put forth for the new chief. He believes the application can be modified to meet Irrigon's needs.
 - a. Suggested a workshop to discuss the application creation process. Tuesday September 19, 6:00.
2. Interface 241 –
 - a. Vehicle Status (upgrades & Maintenance) – Following the guidance of the Hermiston mechanic that used to work on the truck, and with a service call from Woodpecker Truck, it is now running and moving down the road. The last item that needs to be completed before it is considered a rescue vehicle is the front bumper.
3. East Umatilla County Fire & Rescue SCBA Acquisition – They have received their grant and handed down some gently used air packs and cylinders. There was a discussion to pay them something for these items, it was not approved by the board, but rather tabled for later conversation.
4. Grants/Project Updates
 - a. Wildfire Grant – Reaching the end of the grant, and should tap out by mid to end of September.
 - b. OSFM Engine Program – Nothing new to report this month.
5. Station/Equipment Upgrades Update
 - a. WL Progressive Packs and Equipment – Order is prepared to be sent out as per approved at previous board meeting.
 - b. Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting – No status change.
 - c. Networking (Abadan) – Equipment has been received by Abadan, they are working on programming before installing within a couple of weeks from this meeting.
 - d. Bay Doors – Serviced all doors.
 - e. Trash Dumpster – Have one on order, still awaiting delivery.
 - f. Apparatus Backing Guides – not a priority, but will continue to work on.
 - g. Tool/Turnout Room – This project is about 2/3 complete.
6. District Policies Review – Please review for approval.
 - a. 1.4.0 – 1.4.9, Membership Application
 - i. Scott Ezell moved to approve, Burrell Cooley seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

b. 1.5.0 – 1.5.10, Uniform and Equipment Issue

- i. Burrel Cooley moved to approve, Ashley Munkers seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business –

1. Cancer Awareness Shirts – Will be offered for members to purchase at their own expense.

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

Public Comment – Small discussion on the current situation with Morrow County Health District and Morrow County.

Joey Munkers – Discussion of how permits are issued, as far as paper is concerned and the way we print and issue now. Also wanted to voice his thoughts on enforcement of the burn permits.

MCHD created an emergency exit system for the department and will be posted.

Announcements –

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

Next Meeting October 9, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Cooley
Recordkeeper

Executive Session: