

**TURNER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

March 16, 2017

7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President Dave Gulledge at 1833 hours. Board members in attendance were Dave Gulledge, Ed Humber, and D. Craig Anderson. Absent: Claude Kennedy and Gene Schaefer. Staff Present: Chief Jon Remy, Rebecca Shivers Singleterry, and Asst. Chief Jordan Donat.

Flag Salute: Yes.

Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.

Minutes: The minutes for the February 16, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as presented. Action: *A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Director Anderson and Director Humber seconded the motion and with no discussion, the motion carried with 3 yea votes, 0 nay votes.*

Public Comment (agenda items): None.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: None, in packet, nothing to add.

Board Committee Reports:

1. Board Policy Review Committee – No Report.
2. Budget Committee – No Report.
3. Personnel Committee – No Report, President Gulledge noted it was time for this committee to begin the fire chief evaluation process and for this to be on the agenda for the next board meeting.
4. Education Committee – No Report.

Old Business:

1. Urban Renewal (UR) update –
  - a. President Gulledge stated see the minutes of the last board meeting for an outline of what has occurred to date and report notes from our consultant, Kyle Gorman.
  - b. Chief Remy stated the board adopted policy on urban renewal at last month's board meeting; his job is to guide staff and consultant Kyle Gorman, to continue to keep following process; reference letter is a New Business agenda item tonight; would like to end tonight with some type of written response from the board/fire district on the Mayor's proposal. (see UR proposal w/ fire district document from the city handed out tonight). The revenue at the end of the UR plan time, dollars would be more profit if they can extend the timeline. Chief Remy asked what do you, the board members, want to do next? Engage them? The letter speaks to that.
  - c. President Gulledge stated two things: First, as a board do we oppose UR plan as presented or two, do we move forward with more productivity for fire district; talk board to board and negotiate ideas for the fire district. Shared idea of possible ways to

negotiate; discussion ensued on can the board/fire district stop the UR plan from happening, no, but can openly oppose it. Also discussed how it would affect future of TFD if agreed to the terms presented by the Mayor.

- d. Director Anderson asked if this affected only the 3% increase in valuation. Is this the only loss and what the impact is really?
  - e. Chief Remy stated basically property taxes are forecasted to increase in valuation by 3% every year on average, sometimes more than 3%; we would only receive up to that amount and UR if in place would receive the money above that, our fire district share would be frozen.
  - f. President Gullledge shared that the point of a UR plan is to encourage and grow city with influx of businesses to come in as they see progress in urban renewal efforts in the community through the dollars spent on projects.
  - g. Director Anderson stated he does not believe the board/fire district should accept the proposal by the Mayor as presented, it needs more.
  - h. Chief Remy stated the idea by the city is to “market Turner” as a city with a fire district right in the downtown city limits, accessible and quick to respond to area business district they are trying to encourage moving here. He is not sure we can say we will move the station or keep it where it is or keep a station within the city limits for the next 30 years; the board needs to consider that in their current conversations with the city/Mayor. Discussion ensued regarding opposing or negotiating with the city/Mayor and constraints by the laws and the UR rules.
  - i. Director Anderson brought up the fire district’s strategic plan, in place now and staff/board working on this now; need to keep where we are going; it is premature to accept their proposal or negotiate on what they proposed; can consider the idea of the proposal, it is important and needs to be considered in the continuing discussions between the city council, Mayor and fire district board.
  - j. Discussion ensued about confusion in the future with the school district/schools, bonds from other overlapping taxing districts, affect to these agencies by UR plan, and consideration of community support for an UR plan or not, consideration of either the schools and or the fire district going out for bond(s) at same time.
  - k. Director Anderson and Chief Remy both stated that our strategic plans calls to the fire district potentially considering a bond/LOT for equipment and or buildings.
  - l. Discussion ensued regarding the need to accelerate the process to consider bonds/LOTs at the next board meeting, Chief Remy to start the process of gathering the information on where to start; what to consider; overlapping bonds and taxing districts.
  - m. Public comment question – Sarah Chamness asked what is a bond and Chief Remy reviewed what it meant to go to the voters for a general obligation bond for a taxing entity.
  - n. **Action:** *motion to send a letter to the city council/Mayor regarding the fire district/board response to the UR proposal was made by Director Anderson, motion seconded by Director Humber and with no further discussion the motion carried 3 yea and 0 nay votes. (see signed letter in board packet).*
2. Budget committee member appointments – Chief Donat shared that at the direction of the board he contacted the two committee members with terms ended 12/31/16 asking if they were willing

to serve for another 3 year term on the TFD Budget Committee. Dave Versteeg decline for position #3 citing travel commitments in the coming year but thanked the board for asking. Mike Collier accepted the appointment of position #2 for another 3 year term. Chief Donat shared that he then approached retired volunteer and community member Robert Marker at the direction of the board asking if he would consider appointment to position #3 and he accepted. **Action:** *A motion to appointment Mike Collier to position #2 and Robert Marker to position #3 for a three year term on the budget committee was presented by Director Anderson and Director Humber seconded the motion and with no discussion, the motion carried with 3 yea votes, 0 nay votes.*

#### New Business:

1. Official response to City of Turner re: Urban Renewal proposal – already covered in Old Business item number 1.
2. Budget calendar adopted FY 2017-18
  - a. **Action:** *A motion to adopt the Budget calendar for fiscal year 2017-18 presented by Director Humber and motion seconded by Director Anderson, motion carried unanimous with 3 yea and 0 nay votes.*

#### Chiefs Report:

1. Flower baskets at the fire station – volunteer donated materials to build and hang out front, looking forward to the project and the outcome. Will fit style of the building.
2. Drama – The eclipse in August 2017 might have chaos in Turner, surrounding areas based on current information coming from OEM and Marion County; we will participate in planning, staff is aware.
3. ISO – preplanning is being done by Steve McDermott, updating and adding new preplans, can see these on Active911.
4. Travel & training – have five people to the coast for Art of Reading Smoke class; Pete Briggs has traveled back to National Fire Academy for Fire Investigator classes.
5. Urban growth boundary (UGB) – city looking at land to add to the city UGB; Chief Remy is working with city in regards to this.
6. SDAO – Aumsville Fire District, Chief Isaak retired, they are reaching out to looking for interim chief, asking neighboring district chiefs if they would be willing to commit support to Aumsville Fire District. Chief Remy suggested that SDAO have Aumsville board speak to Turner board; elected officials. There are changes coming potentially to their board in this upcoming election, might have impact on the process. Discussion ensued about open positions on the Aumsville board in coming election, appointed members currently and how that might affect search for interim fire chief.
7. Don't panic – Chief Remy stated he does not believe we have a drug abuse or alcohol abuse problem at TFD; we have a clear policy in place. Random drug testing is coming back.
8. Major success with Lyon ambulance billing – We have passed this back to them, provided contracted support while they went through staffing reorganization and hiring, will support them as needed.

9. Questions – Board asked for copy for their file of the letter sent to the city regarding the Lake Development Safety committee, Chief Remy noted copy to them handed out tonight. See response from committee to the city handed out.

Information:

1. Correspondence – None
2. Good of the Order – Director Anderson shared he enjoyed the banquet, the yearbook a phenomenal idea, great tool to use to get to know the volunteers and staff. Thank you to staff for a job well done. President Gullledge agreed, potential for positive, we are moving forward.

Public Comment (other than agenda items): None.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE Turner.

No executive session.

Adjourn Session: The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 1955 hours. **Action:** *A motion to adjourn from Director Humber and motion seconded by Director Anderson, motion carried unanimous with 3 yea and 0 nay votes.*

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Board President

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Board Secretary/Treasurer