

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

May 18, 2017

7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by Vice President Ed Humber at 1856 hours. Board members in attendance were Ed Humber, Claude Kennedy, Gene Schaefer and D. Craig Anderson. Absent: Dave Gullledge. Staff Present: Chief Jon Remy, Rebecca Shivers Singleterry, and Asst. Chief Jordan Donat.

Flag Salute: No, salute done at the Budget Committee meeting @ 1800 hours.

Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.

Minutes: The minutes for the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as presented. Action: *A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Director Kennedy and Director Anderson seconded the motion and with no discussion, the motion carried with 4 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 – met @ 1800 prior to board meeting.
3. Personnel Committee – No Report, Director Anderson asked for this to be discussed at the next board meeting, more would be discussed then on next steps.
4. Education Committee – No Report.

Old Business:

1. Urban Renewal (UR) update –
 - a. Chief Remy stated not at decision point tonight.
 - b. Attended stakeholders meeting on behalf of the fire district Board of Directors.
 - c. City expressed tentative agreement with fire district that would keep us whole.
 - d. Chief Remy let them know not actually true; fire district is still looking for a draft IGA from the city; does feel good about direction going in with the city on this; reminded board can spend UR dollars in UR area that has been outlined in the UR map; encouraged by possibilities; fire district could remain whole; truth is city is working the draft IGA to be reviewed by our board.
 - e. Discussion ensued with clarifications by Chief Remy that they are heading in direction fire district wants, fire district in best position, referred board to the documents provided in the board packet from the city.
 - f. Chief Remy stated should proceed with waiting for IGA language, clarifications and edits and will updated the board as have access.

New Business: none.

Chiefs Report:

1. Happy Mount St. Helen's Day
2. Personnel – bringing on 2 to 3 college age volunteers; Brody Waters is a Turner kid who will move into a sleeper spot starting this summer.
3. Kimberly Schwartz will also be a sleeper this summer during break from medical school.
4. 5 of the 6 passed the AO testing; Sarah Chamness, Max Alberts, Aaron Bales, Steve McDermott, and Lawrence Allise are all new AO's; this was under Ryan Rux leadership.
5. Housing development – phase 2 is underway, approved for fire hydrants, phase 1 are already happening.
6. UR is proceeding, waiting on the IGA, already talked about this under Old Business tonight.
7. M95 close call – we will look forward to buying a new medic when we have consumed all the equity out of this one; the cost was minimal this time, soon it will be a different story.
Community does not want all the bells and whistles, want a clean ambulance that is reliable and staffed by true servants.
8. CPI – COLA will be on June agenda as action item; think about it, there have been no raises for paid staff since Jon has been Chief; when reestablished in 2012 wanted to be careful with no pay raises, only 1 COLA to date. 2.2% increase based on CPI, will ask board to consider at the June meeting.
9. Jon taking a lot of vacation this summer; traveling, putting in fences, working on the farm, cabin etc. Just letting board know he and Rebecca are at their caps, need to take time off and it is the time to do this now that staff is in place to provide the coverage, exciting times.
10. Questions? Vice President Humber asked about our fire district neighbors, Chief Remy shared that Aumsville has hired Chief Hari as interim fire chief; their board incumbents won the election in May; there has been 2 structure fires in past few weeks and TFD has been the first on scene engine both times. We need our neighbors, our mission is to help them/provide good support when needed. We are proceeding with caution on discussions or suggestions by new interim Chief, he has been encouraged to approach his board and have them approach our board when they have ideas or policy related discussions. Discussion ensued with board regarding next steps. Director Anderson stated that the ambulance expenses versus the ambulance resources shows the district almost close to breaking even based on the numbers for this fiscal year. Discussion ensued regarding those costs, resources and whether to move forward with making the two temporary full time firefighter paramedics permanent positions. The board noted that the budget committee approved the budget with these changes; benefit to TFD.

Volunteer Association: none.

Information:

1. Correspondence – None
2. Good of the Order – Director Schaefer shared he attended recruit academy graduation, seventeen graduates, none from Turner but Eric Pineda is an EMT Stipend volunteer with our agency.

Stated interim Chief Hari of Aumsville put out the challenge for them to recruit seven more volunteers.

Public Comment (other than agenda items): None.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the Budget Hearing scheduled for June 22, 2017 at 6 pm with the regular board meeting to follow immediately, both to be held at the fire station located at 7605 3rd St SE Turner.

No executive session.

Adjourn Session: The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 1935 hours. **Action:** *A motion to adjourn from Director Anderson and motion seconded by Director Schaefer, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea and 0 nay votes.*

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer