

TURNER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2019

7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President Ed Humber, at 1831 hours. Board members in attendance were, Ed Humber, D. Craig Anderson, Gene Schaefer and Chuck Roberts. Absent: Claude Kennedy. Staff Present: Chief Jon Remy, Rebecca Shivers Singleterry Asst. Chief Jordan Donat. Guest: none.

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Agenda: Agenda approved with addition under new business: Board Position on Hemp Facility.

Minutes: The minutes for the August 15, 2019 regular board meeting and the September 3, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented. **Action:** *A motion to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting and the special meeting as presented by Director Anderson and Director Schaefer seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 4 yea votes, 0 nay votes.*

Public Comment (agenda items): None.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: None, in packet.

Board Committee Reports:

1. Board Policy Review Committee – No report.
2. Budget Committee – No report.
3. Personnel Committee – No report.
4. Education Committee – No report.
5. Turner Land Use Committee Representative – No report.
6. Urban Renewal Committee Representative – No report, Director Anderson shared the next UR meeting will be next Thursday and he will report back.

Old Business:

1. Ambulance Procurement update – Assistant Chief Donat
 - a. Moving forward with the purchase of two ambulances from Braun Northwest.
 - b. Chief Donat took two paid staff with him and toured the Braun facility in Washington State, went over the specs and was able to meet with the manufacturer to discuss the specs. Waiting to hear back on the specs and change orders after that meeting to make final changes.
 - c. In a good place, working on the next steps.

New Business: none.

Chief's Report:

1. Chief Remy reported that we are now in the property & liability insurance renewal process, rates are creeping up.

2. Civil Service Commission will have first meeting on 10/24/19; working on updating plan and getting started.
3. Auditors will be here on site 10/23 & 24 for fieldwork.
4. Summer fire season was disappointing, we are preparing for the winter season, chimney fires and such.
5. Building excitement around new support rig project; moving forward with current M96 transitioning into the new support rig after the two new medics are in place. This will be an internal remodel, all hands on deck using our in house skills to make this happen; this ties us to our past when we built our own “fire trucks”.
6. Mutual Aid success – new era compared to thirty years ago; help Jefferson when we can, chief officer tones for Jefferson; providing extrication for Aumsville; Marion station 83, Scott Cooper has become new station Captain for Stayton at this station, TFD sent an engine crew to their joint community event night, building good partnerships with our neighbors.
7. Hemp letter – the project may be changing; we are signing a new letter tonight by board directors just in case it is needed; Chief has directed our Fire Marshal to tour and visit hemp plants in other fire districts to get educated and gain inspection knowledge if we need it; have her ready to push forward at the county commissioner level; this is opportunity to establish trusting relationship with the county commissioners who can lose track of fire district mission.
8. Bringing on new volunteers and new cadets for the winter academy.
9. Think of a tornado moving in a line but it is also cyclical; that is what TFD is; we continue to repeat the cycle that is moving in a linear pattern; this is our strategic plan moving things forward, we can be confident and bold because we know what to do; we are forward thinking and don’t cash in our history but don’t sit in one place.

Volunteer Association: no report.

Information:

1. Correspondence – None
2. Good of the Order – President Humber shared that he spoke with the Aumsville Fire District chairman of the board; opportunity with our fire chief retiring for them to consider boards meeting and discussing shared resources. Discussion ensued regarding what the intent was if their fire chief was leaving or retiring; gave a history of how this has come forward before between the two boards; Chief Remy spoke to this as a budget idea when talking about sharing the cost of chief officers. President Humber stated he will get back with their board chairman and request they put something in writing, with more detailed specifics for our board to then review and discuss.

Public Comment (other than agenda items): None

Executive Session: none.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm for the regular board meeting; to be held at the fire station located at 7605 3rd St SE Turner.

Adjourn Session: The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 1915 hours. Action: *A motion to adjourn from Director Roberts and motion seconded by Director Anderson, motion carried unanimous with 4 yeas and 0 nay votes.*

Board President

Board Secretary/Treas.