

TURNER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
June 20th, 2024
7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Welcome & Logistics: Chief Donat as the Budget Officer welcomed everyone and reminded them that at the close of the hearing, the regular meeting of the board would convene.

Meeting called to order by President Anderson, at 1807 hours. Board members in attendance were: Chuck Roberts, Tom Lovell, Mike Everitt, Ed Humber (remote at 1810) and D. Craig Anderson. Staff Present: Kara Finn and Chief Jordan Donat. Public: Budget Committee Member Su Fennern and Lawrence Allise.

Flag Salute: yes

Agenda: Agenda approved as presented. *A motion to approve agenda from Director Everitt and motion seconded by Director Lovell, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea and 0 nay votes. 1 absent.*

Public Comment (agenda items): None.

Board Consideration and Changes:

1. Chief Donat presented changes to the budget LB sheets with the board. These numbers can be adjusted if the board so chooses within the confines of what is allowable under Local Budget Law.

- a. Page 1, General Fund 1 Resources – Cash carryover has been updated to reflect the most current numbers. The training line item and building/land line item were decreased to account for the lower cash carryover. Due to previous years' actual amounts, decreases to both lines makes sense. Director Roberts asked if canceling the volunteer project would benefit the budget. Brief roundtable discussion, then tabled to discuss at the board meeting following the budget hearing.
- b. President Anderson discussed keeping an eye on the available cash on hand and the importance of the reserve fund. The board wants to keep the reserve fund healthy and Chief Donat spoke on his commitment to rebuilding the fund in the future.
- c. Director Roberts noted the personnel increase and stated he did not agree with the increase in staffing. Roundtable discussion regarding the number of administrative positions. Chief Donat spoke on increased volume of calls and increased administrative regulations, and the amount of support needed. Director Lovell suggested creating a flow chart of responsibilities for each administrative position to help the board understand the workflow. President Anderson spoke on the effect of the lower number of active volunteers.
- d. The board agreed to the discussed changes and did not want to make any additional changes to the existing budget documents at this time.

President Anderson, hearing no further questions on proposed changes, call was made to adjourn hearing.

Public Comment (non-agenda items): None.

Adjourn Session: The budget hearing adjourned at 1834 hours with President Anderson noting the regular meeting of the board would commence immediately after this hearing adjourns and asked those attending virtually or by phone to stay connected.

D. Craig Anderson
Board President

Michael W. Everett
Board Director