

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

January 16th, 2025
7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mike Everitt, at 1833 hours. Board members in attendance were Ed Humber, Mike Everitt and Chuck Roberts. Absent: Tom Lovell and D. Craig Anderson. Staff Present: Chief Jordan Donat and Kara Finn. Guests: Anthony Salisbury and Levi Kunkel.

Flag Salute: Yes.

Agenda: *Agenda approved as amended with removal of City Manager presentation with a motion by Director Roberts seconded by Director Humber, motion carried unanimous with 3 yea (Roberts, Humber, Everitt), and 0 nays. 2 absent.*

Minutes: The regular board meeting minutes for November 21st, 2024, were approved as presented. *A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented was made by Director Roberts and Director Humber seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 3 yea votes (Roberts, Humber, Everitt), 0 nay votes. 2 absent.*

Public Comment (agenda items): None.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Reports in packet.

Board Committee Reports:

1. Board Policy Review Committee – No Report.
2. Budget Committee – No Report.
3. Personnel Committee – No Report.
4. Urban Renewal Committee Representative – No Report.

Old Business:

1. Community AEDs: No updates currently. Director Everitt inquired on grants for AEDs. Chief Donat stated that we encourage people to apply for grants and Church on the Hill has found a grant to apply for.
2. Volunteer Appreciation Project: Director Roberts inquired as to whether the invoice from Bethel was charged to the volunteer project. Chief Donat confirmed it was not and budgeted to a different line item. Director Roberts said the first phase of the project cost approximately \$21,000. Roundtable discussion regarding phase II of the project.

New Business: None at this time.

Chiefs Report:

- a. Grant Update- MSA has been selected, and orders have been made. Progress reports are completed, and the expected delivery date should be March or April 2025.

- b. Hiring- Single Role or FF Paramedic hiring is open with five candidates. Panel interviews, EMS and PAT will be held on February 4th. There is currently a job opening for EMS Coordinator which closes on January 31st.
- c. Fire- New extrication tools are in-service and mounted on E957. Looking at the price for re-chassis of G958.
- d. California Fires- Oregon sent 21 strike teams with 75 engines, 30 tenders and 370 firefighters. Two of the strike teams are from Marion County with ten engines.
- e. Recruiting- There are six recruits in the academy for Turner and there may be three more for next year. There is a total of 37 students overall, which is the largest academy thus far.

Director Roberts asked about the future of the paramedic program and if we had learned anything since the recent resignation. Chief Donat stated that he did not believe there were any issues and will continue to focus on a good selection process.

Director Everitt asked about how the new command rigs were doing. Chief Donat said that the first initial attack on car fires has been successful, and they did well on brush fires this summer. He is interested in seeing how they will do in the winter, since this will be the first winter in service. Roundtable discussion regarding custom wheels and the most economical and higher strength rating.

Volunteer Association: Levi Kunkel and Anthony Salisbury introduced themselves to the board. 56 families with 55 children were assisted with the Food and Toy Drive this year. The association was down 10k in donations this year compared to last year. The community support fund has approximately 28k and the general fund has approximately 22k.


Information:

1. Correspondence – None.
2. Good of the Order – None.
3. Public Comment (other than agenda items): None.

Next Meeting: The next regular board meeting will be held on February 20th, 2025, at 6:30 pm to be held at the fire station located at 7605 3rd St SE Turner, OR unless otherwise stated in meeting notice.

Adjourn Session: The regular meeting of the board adjourned at 1911 hours. **Action:** A motion to adjourn from Director Roberts and motion seconded by Director Humber, motion carried unanimous with 3 yea (Roberts, Humber, Everitt), and 0 nay votes. 2 absent.


Board President


Board Director