

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

March 20th, 2025

7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President Craig Anderson, at 1831 hours. Board members in attendance were D. Craig Anderson, Ed Humber (in at 19:01), Chuck Roberts, Tom Lovell (remote) and Mike Everitt. Staff Present: Chief Jordan Donat, Captain Max Alberts and Kara Finn. Guests: City Manager Scott McClure, Greg Mattison, Anthony Chan and Levi Kunkel.

Flag Salute: Yes.

Agenda: *Agenda approved with an addition to new business, expenditure of funds, with a motion by Director Roberts seconded by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea votes (Anderson, Roberts, Everitt, Lovell), and 0 nays. 1 absent.*

Minutes: *The regular board meeting minutes for February 20th, 2025, were approved as presented. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented was made by Director Everitt and Director Lovell seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 4 yea votes (Anderson, Roberts, Everitt, Lovell), 0 nay votes. 1 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 – The committee met last Thursday with discussion on renewal funds.

Old Business:

1. Community AEDs: No report at this time.
2. Volunteer Appreciation: No report at this time.

New Business:

1. FEMA Floodplain Information- City Manager Scott McClure spoke to the board about previous standards compared to new standards that FEMA is administering. There is a push for enforcement of standards before rules have been confirmed, also known as pre -implementation control measures. There are a couple of different options right now. Option one is to ban development which would affect 40% of Turner. Option two would be to follow the model code. Option three would be permit to permit which would require the hiring of a consultant. A builder must also mitigate, but at this time there is no mechanism to measure mitigation. The City of

Turner is moving towards a model ordinance but there has been no adoption yet due to lack of rules in place. It is very much a gray zone right now. The one thing that is clear is that elevating property will no longer suffice. The district's best bet is to mitigate and have a study come in which will be an added cost. There is an active lawsuit to terminate this interim process described above. A roundtable discussion regarding floodplain on the district's property and the City of Turner. President Anderson asked if it would be helpful if the board wrote a letter to congressional delegation. The City is waiting before taking any action. President Anderson asked for Chief Donat to stay in contact with Scott McClure about potential future action.

2. Safety/Operations Report- Captain Max Alberts reported to the board on the previously discussed particulate blocking hoods and brought samples of the new product. SDIS is coming in to do an audit this year with a fresh set of eyes of review processes and procedures. Final stages of new jackets are in the works. This will come up in the next budget process. The current watershed jacket replacements are coming in at \$900/each, where the new maker that TFD is looking at is coming in at \$300/each. Hose testing has been completed with only one repair needed to a pony and another repair on a ladder. Purchase of a new narcotic lockbox is in the works and will be in compliance with new regulations for monitoring drugs. The new system will have individual PINs. OHA and DEA are driving the new rules. Preventative maintenance has begun on the fleet. For facility, there is a new fresh coat of paint on the front of the building and the rhododendrons have been pulled out with plans to put fire resistant plants as a replacement. Thank you to the volunteer association and on duty staff that helped with the project.
3. Bank Signer Changes- *A motion to remove Rebecca Shivers as bank signer and adding Karalynn Finn as an authorized signer on Turner Fire District's First Interstate Bank accounts was made by Director Humber and Director Everitt seconded the motion and with no other discussion, motion carried with 5 yea votes (Anderson, Lovell, Humber, Roberts, Everitt) and 0 nay votes.*
4. Expenditure of Funds- Chief Donat spoke on G958 and the decision to re-chassis the type 6 vehicle. It is a current 2008 with over 100k miles on it. 150k was reserved in the FY budget 24-25 for this upgrade and Chief Donat is requesting to spend it now. Director Roberts inquired about the two command rigs replacing the grass rigs. Roundtable discussion regarding the previous purchases and the replacement plan. Chief Donat stated that he is still waiting on all the bids and believes it is a good investment to re-chassis compared to purchasing a new vehicle and would give the vehicle another 15 years of life. The 2025 F550 new chassis would be on government contract so there would be no need to get different pricing. President Anderson requested a good look at Fund 5 during budget season and look into replenishing the fund. *A motion to approve purchase of up to \$150,000 to re-chassis G958 was made by Director Lovell and Director Everitt seconded the motion and with no other discussion the motion carried with 5 yea votes (Anderson, Lovell, Humber, Roberts, Everitt) and 0 nay votes.*

Chiefs Report:

- a. Grant Update- Ship date for the SCBAs is set for late April. There will be a programmatic desk review on March 24th. There will need to be future discussion of surplus of old SCBAs.
- b. Hiring- The new paramedic, Elliott Lownsbery, will have a start date in May. Ryan Saltalamachia, the new EMS coordinator, is meeting people and getting a feel for things. He will be attending April's board meeting.

- c. Marion County Radio Project- Not many changes since the last board meeting. There is still a shortfall with no clarity on funding. All South County chiefs agreed on not joining. The current estimate for TFD, if joining the new system, would be \$60.96/month for 1230 radios and with METCOM's fees, looking at approximately 146k a year. There was some clarity on user fee coverage. Coverage includes operating costs, warranty repair, maintenance and scheduled component replacement on the system. It does not cover non-warranty repairs, additional radios, radio replacement and future system replacement. At the last METCOM meeting, potential subsidies were discussed, which would be a short-term attempt at helping users afford fees.
- d. Next steps- All agencies are working on fleet mapping, channel layouts in April and reconfirming radio counts. There will likely be future requests for support from all agencies for congressional funding. President Anderson is going to call local legislation contacts to discuss and requests further discussion at future board meetings. Roundtable discussion regarding recent OFDDA email about HB 3870.
- e. Chief Donat will be out of town next week on vacation.


Volunteer Association: Levi Kunkel spoke on working with the school in a combined effort to refurbish the old apparatus that is located in Bldg 5. This will help teach kids life skills and will only cost the association for parts. The main concern for finding replacement parts is the rims. The first phase of the station appreciation project is complete. There is a plan to discuss with Captain Alberts about what other facility projects can be tackled in the future. Quarterly family nights will continue with March 29th being the next one. The annual breakfast will be on the first Saturday in June. Chief Donat publicly thanked Levi Kunkel for taking the lead on station appreciation updates.


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 April 17th, 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 2029 hours. **Action:** *A motion to adjourn from Director Everitt and motion seconded by Director Humber, motion carried unanimous with 5 yea (Anderson, Lovell, Humber, Roberts, Everitt), and 0 nay votes.*


 Board President


 Board Director

