

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

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President Craig Anderson at 18:47 hours. Board members in attendance were D. Craig Anderson, Mike Everitt, Ed Humber (remote) and Tom Lovell (remote). Staff Present: Chief Jordan Donat and Kara Finn. Guests: Linda Nye, Levi Kunkle, Matt Duval, Lawrence Allise and Joanne Martinez.

Flag Salute: Yes.

Agenda: *Agenda approved with a motion by Director Everitt seconded by Director Humber, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea votes (Anderson, Everitt, Humber, Lovell), and 0 nay votes.*

Minutes: *The regular board meeting minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, were approved as presented. A motion to approve the meeting minutes for the board of directors meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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, Everitt, Humber, Lovell), 0 nay votes.*

Public Comment (agenda items): None.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: 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. Volunteer Appreciation Project- There is current work with home fire stove vendor with a transition from circular firepit to square firepit. Propane is ready to go, and the project will begin moving forward quickly.

New Business:

1. Board Member Vacancy- The posting closed March 16<sup>th</sup> with two applicants. Director Everitt and President Anderson will be reviewing applications and conducting interviews and then will return to a public board meeting to present findings. If any board member has questions to ask the candidate, email President Anderson.
2. Budget Committee Appointment- Josh Bartlett (former long-term volunteer) and Erin Thayn (Crawford Crossings) have both agreed to serve and will add good diversity to the budget committee. *A motion to approve Josh Bartlett and Erin Thayn as new budget committee members serving three-year terms was made by Director Everitt and Director Lovell seconded the motion*

*and with no other discussion the motion carried with 4 yea votes (Anderson, Everitt, Humber, Lovell), and 0 nay votes.*

Chiefs Report:

- a) Hiring- The Paramedic and EMS Coordinator job postings closed today with two applicants for the paramedic position and seven for the EMS Co. The assessment will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> for both positions.
- b) Recruiting- Santiam Academy graduation will be held in Stayton on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the Turner swearing in will be June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- c) METCOM/Radio Project- Fees are going up as normal. The FIRE fee formula has been re-negotiated after 10 years of no changes. TFD's fees will go up due to call volume.
- d) Salem Health/Santiam Health Merger- There are no immediate changes currently. Santiam is needing capital to meet needs due to growth and Salem Health is able to assist with that. Insurance is a big topic as Regence BCBS is contracted with Santiam through 2027 and Regence is not contracted with Salem Health. In terms of governance, both will remain non-profit and Santiam Board becomes an advisory board and will fill two spots on the fiduciary board to retain influence in overall decision making. The potential impact on ambulance services is still to be seen and more information to come.
- e) Funding- One to two people will be sent to a grant writing class in mid-April. There was a SIT meeting this morning and Chief Donat met with a field representative for Congresswoman Andrea Salinas and looking into funding opportunities through their office.
- f) Upcoming- Chief Donat will be attending SDAO training in Pendelton April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, the OFCA conference May 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>, and additional training in Redmond June 1-2<sup>nd</sup>. The Cascade Career Fair will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> with 500-600 student attending and TFD will be attending an area with Stayton Fire and Aumsville Fire.

Volunteer Association: Joanne Martinez reported on Toy Drive statistics. 64 families were served with 163 children. 20 single moms, four single dads, and five grandparents raising grandchildren. One PGE bill was paid, and gifts cards were purchased for a family needing propane to heat their shower and home. Gravel for a family and a car seat for a single mom with two children were purchased. Help was provided to a single mom with a broken-down truck, and a family was helped whose daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since 2010, the association has been donating scholarship money to seniors at Cascade High, and this year will be raised to \$2,000. This award is based on GPA, involvement in the community, and an essay for financial need. This month there was no business meeting, but a family fun night with a St. Patrick's/Easter theme. Going forward, there will be two business meetings, and then a family fun night for the third meeting. The motor is now running for the vintage fire engine. The bench is now set up in front of the station. Last Saturday plants were planted near the bench that are fire resistant. Director Everitt inquired about the scholarship and if the association thought about narrowing it to just interested parties in Fire and EMS. Roundtable discussion regarding whether that would benefit or not due to changes in areas of study once the student enters college.

Information:

- 1. Correspondence – None.
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3. Public Comment (other than agenda items): None.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm to be held at the fire station located at 7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE Turner, OR.

Adjourn Session: The meeting of the board adjourned at 1928 hours. **Action**: *A motion to adjourn from Director Lovell and motion seconded by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea (Anderson, Everitt, Humber, Lovell), and 0 nay votes.*

  
Board President

  
Board Director

