

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

May 16th, 2024

7605 3rd St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President D. Craig Anderson, at 1937 hours. Board members in attendance were D. Craig Anderson, Mike Everitt, Chuck Roberts, Tom Lovell and Ed Humber. Staff Present: Chief Jordan Donat and Kara Finn. Guests: Su Fennern.

Flag Salute: Dispense.

Agenda: *Agenda approved with a motion by Director Lovell, second by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 5 yea and 0 nays.*

Minutes: The meeting minutes for April 18th, 2024, were approved as presented. *A motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Director Everitt and Director Lovell seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 5 yea votes, 0 nay votes.*

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.
2. Volunteer Appreciation Project: Director Roberts spoke on the work he has done since the last board meeting. The original total project cost of approximately 39k is now down in the 26k range. Roundtable discussion regarding the potential of moving the project site from the original area to between the training room and Building 2. The Board would like a proposal with the lower amounts to see the changes since the price drop. Topic tabled until the next board meeting.

New Business:

- a. Ambulance Rate Increase- Chief Donat shared with the board two documents that will be included in the board packet. One document was the 2024 ambulance rate review that showed local fire districts ambulance rates and another document was Turner Fire District's medical fee schedule with 2022 adopted costs and 2024 proposed costs. Roundtable discussion regarding the comparison with other local agencies and the need for more frequent reviews due to rising costs. Director Humber stated that TFD's 2024 proposed costs look very reasonable in comparison. The rate increase will be brought to next month's meeting for action as a resolution.

Chiefs Report:

- a. Grant Update- Application for the AFG 2023 grant has been completed. There is a massive push for PPE, so the district has requested SCBA replacement. If received, the grant will be \$397,000 with the district's portion being \$18,932.76.
 - a. OSFM Staffing grant has been applied for. Five to six individuals are interested in the position. Interviews are currently underway. This year the grant will cover upstaffing from June 1st to the end of October.
- b. Hiring Update- Mark Lindberg has been hired as a single role paramedic.
- c. Ambulance Survey- The official survey letter from OHA was received. Turner Fire District is in compliance.
- d. OSHA proposed rule changes- Federal OSHA is recommending rules that Oregon OSHA would likely adopt if the rules were adopted. Captain Max Albert and Chief Donat are watching carefully. There are no funding mechanisms in place for the potential new requirements which would create financial hardship for smaller fire districts. There may be a future request to the board to write a letter of opposition depending on how the situation develops.
- e. Paramedic/EMTs- Greg Mattison and Anthony Salisbury are officially EMT's. Jakob Alberts passed the written NREMT test and will be heading to California for practical testing in the next couple of weeks.
- f. Upcoming- Chief Donat, Lt. Chris Vetter and AO Eric Brown will be attending the Station Design Conference May 20th- the 23rd
 - a. TFD Breakfast will be June 1st
 - b. There is a large gathering at the Tabernacle planned for June 3rd. Chief Donat and Fire Marshal Crosiar are keeping a close eye on the event.
 - c. Swearing in of the new Firefighters from the most recent academy will be June 18th. Four individuals from Turner are graduating.

Volunteer Association: Prep for the upcoming breakfast is in the works.

Information:

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

Next Meeting: The budget hearing meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the regular board meeting to follow, 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 2032 hours. **Action:** *A motion to adjourn from Director Roberts and motion seconded by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 5 yea and 0 nay votes.*

D. Craig Anderson
Board President

Michael W. Everett
Board Director

