

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

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Turner OR 97392

Meeting called to order by President D. Craig Anderson, at 1835 hours. Board members in attendance were D. Craig Anderson, Mike Everitt, Chuck Roberts and Tom Lovell. Absent: Ed Humber. Staff Present: Chief Jordan Donat and Kara Finn. Guests: Jakob Alberts and Greg Mattison.

Flag Salute: Yes.

Agenda: *Agenda approved with a motion by Director Lovell seconded by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 4 yea and 0 nays. 1 absent.*

Minutes: The regular board meeting minutes for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as presented. *A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented was made by Director Roberts and Director Lovell seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 4 yea votes, 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 – No Report.

Old Business:

1. Community AEDs: No updates currently.
2. Volunteer Appreciation Project: Concrete is poured, drains have been repaired and there is ongoing discussion regarding rainwater runoff. Phase one is complete, and the next phase will not happen until next spring.

New Business:

- a. OFDDA Conference- Director Roberts attended classes at the recent OFDDA conference. There was an ethics class that had a lot of good information and a juvenile fire setter safety class regarding getting schools involved with the local fire department. City of Salem is taking back their ASA. Roundtable discussion regarding how that would impact TFD and mutual aid. Next year's conference will be in Seaside. No topics on legislation were offered at this year's conference.

Chiefs Report:

- a. AFG Grant Update- Current SCBA's are 20 years old, and the plan is to surplus current SCBA's. There will be future discussions regarding this. Evaluations have been completed and MSA came out as the top scoring SCBA. Work has begun with the vendor on specifications, pricing and orders. The order will be placed in December and potentially in service by February/March. The current lead time is unknown at this time.
- b. FEMA- There are new rules regarding development in flood plains. Chief Donat is meeting with the City Manager next week. Roundtable discussion regarding building requirements in flood plains.
- c. Command Rig- Tire company installed the wrong wheels, which will be getting fixed soon.
- d. Recruiting- Currently, there are six individuals ready for the academy. There are two to three other potential recruits in the process. There looks to be 25-30 total in the academy.
- e. Chief Donat sent out an email to all board members with board training required for best practices discount.
- f. Upcoming- Strategic Plan review coming up in the new year. Open House is on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Former Director Claude Kennedy will be Santa. Food and Toy drive is busy and letters just went out to schools. The next volunteer association business meeting is on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Chief Donat will be out of town the week between Christmas and New Years.
- g. Radio Project- All users said they would like to be part of the planning and affordability for the new Marion County system. The county is saying they are going to make the decision on their own. TFD currently spends approximately 70k. With the new system, the current projection for TFD's cost is 200k. Current cost projections are based on the number of radios, not usage. This is a continued ongoing discussion. By March/April the county will need to know if TFD is in or not. A meeting with the commissioners will be scheduled. Chief Donat stated that revamping our current system rather than joining the county's system appears to be the best viable option currently. President Anderson inquired about the board writing a letter to the county commissioners. Chief Donat stated he would know more by January.

Volunteer Association: See chief report.


Information:

1. Correspondence – None.
2. Good of the Order – Director Everitt inquired as to when the CHAT program began outside of Turner. Approximately 10-15 years ago a movement towards community paramedics began. Inquiry regarding electric vehicle fires and TFD training. Chief Donat has been looking into blankets or other equipment that can be used to help extinguish. President Anderson inquired whether there are any grants for EV apparatus. Chief Donat stated that there are no specific grants, but typically a grant receiver has a choice on what type of vehicle to purchase with the grant money.
3. Public Comment (other than agenda items): None.

Next Meeting: *A motion to cancel the December 2024 meeting was made by Director Roberts and Director Everitt seconded the motion and with no other discussion, the motion carried with 4 yea votes, 0 nay votes. 1 absent.* The next regular board meeting will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 pm to be held at the fire station located at 7605 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE Turner, OR unless otherwise stated in meeting notice.

Adjourn Session: The regular meeting of the board adjourned at 1944 hours. Action: *A motion to adjourn from Director Roberts and motion seconded by Director Everitt, motion carried unanimous with 4 yeas and 0 nay votes. 1 absent.*

  
Board President

  
Board Director