**Umatilla County Fire District #1**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 12, 2025**

***Present:***

The meeting was called to order at 1901, February 12, 2025, in the meeting room at Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston, Oregon by Board Vice President Mike Hawman. Those present included board members Eldon Marcum, Glenn Silaski, Jim Whelan, Deputy Chief of Operations Richard Cearns David Hansen and Clerk Reta Larson.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

Director Mike Hawman led the pledge of allegiance.

***Minutes of January 8, 2025, Board Meeting***

Director Marcum moved to approve the January 8th, 2025, board meeting minutes. Director Whelan seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Financial Report:***

The bond debt balance sheet shows $450,650.47 in bond taxes LGIP, $0.00 in bond debt services, $37,783.36 in the Bond Debt Services checking and $-24,072.66 due from other accounts for a balance of $464,361.17. The bond capital outlay balance sheet shows $1,390,713.46 in the Bond LGIP account, $18,723.44 in the bond account and $457,871,36 due from other accounts for a balance of $1,867,308.26. There were four checks written in the bond transaction report. Total bond expenses for the month of January were $296,084.59. Director Marcum moved to pay bond capital expenses in the amount of $296,084.59. This was seconded by Director Silaski. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed. The balance sheet for the General Fund shows a balance in LGIP of $5,009,217.39, $500.00 in petty cash, $27,712.19 in the Banner Bank checking account and $715,867.76 due from other accounts for a balance of $5,753,297.34. The budget report was then reviewed showing taxes collected during January total $121,767.41. $15,118.00 was Fire Med collections, with total ambulance revenue collected at $239,531.86 for total Ambulance Service Fee Revenue of $254,649.86. There were no Maintenance Service Fees collected during January. Grant funds collected during January totaled $1,550.00. $2,737.50 was collected in Intergovernmental Agreement funds. Fire suppression fees of $85,950.48 were collected in January. No Training income was collected in January. Miscellaneous Revenue of $27,148.74 was collected in January. No other revenue was received during the month. Total revenue collected during the month of January was $493,803.99. For expenses, $672,104.43 was spent on Personal Services. Materials and Services expended in January totaled $165,351.45. $8,871.00 was spent on the General Fund Capital Outlay fund in January. $100,000.00 was spent in Contingency which was the transfer to the newly created 400 Reserve Fund Account. The bank transaction report was reviewed as the next report. Multiple transactions were reviewed with January expenses totaling $1,030,201.88. The final report reviewed was the Reserve Fund Account that shows a balance of $152,723.23. Director Marcum moved to pay January general fund expenses in the amount of $1,030,201.88. Director Whelan seconded this. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Communications:***

Director Marcum reported that flyers were going out to obtain sponsors for the annual golf tournament being held on May 17. The district’s award banquet will be held on February 20 at the Hermiston Community Center.

***Chief’s Report:***

See the attached report. The district responded to 516 calls in January.

***Old Business:***

Capital Improvements

And Purchases:

Station work: No Report

Equipment: No Report

Lawsuit updates: Depositions for the ambulance lawsuit were conducted over a 3 day period in January. There will be further depositions to come. Nothing to report for the Gillette lawsuit.

AP Triton work: AP Triton will be here March 10 & 11 to conduct a site visit. Interviews with various stakeholders, board members, business owners and members of the public will be conducted. Forty people are projected to be part of the stakeholder group.

***New Business:***

Lift Assist Resolution

2024 – 2025 #3: Clerk Larson read Resolution 2024 – 2025 #3. Director Whelan moved to adopt Resolution 2024 – 2025 #3. Director Marcum seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous decision to adopt Resolution 2024 – 2025 #3.

Promotion of Wes

Blood to BC Training: Lieutenant Wes Blood will be the new Battalion Chief of Training replacing Nathan Stephens. This promotion leaves us a Lieutenant short so a Lieutenant promotion test will be conducted on February 19 with three candidates applying to and proceeding to the testing on February 19.

Discussion of Logistics

Position: Currently with our budget we have a rover position. With receiving the Safer grant and hiring the new 18 positions, the need now is to hire for a logistics position. This position will be a civilian position. The job description is currently being created. Director Whelan moved to approve the logistics position to take the place of the current rover position. This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call resulted in a unanimous decision to approve.

Fleet engine discussion

Right sizing: Surplus

Engine 25 (1994

Freightliner: Two departments are currently interested in the Engine. Director Marcum moved to surplus Engine 25. This was seconded by Director Silaski. A roll call resulted in passage of the motion. Director Whelan abstained.

Board Award: Traditionally the board has at its discretion voted to award a special award to some deserving business or individual. Discussion resulted in the board declining to make this award this year. The board discussed possibly awarding next year’s award to Good Shepherd Medical Center.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.