**Umatilla County Fire District #1**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2024**

***Present:***

The meeting was called to order at 1900, March 13, 2024, in the meeting room at Station 24, 280 W. Coe Ave, Stanfield, Oregon by Board President Ric Sherman. Those present included board members Mike Hawman, Jim Whelan, Eldon Marcum, Spike Piersol, Fire Chief Scott Stanton and Clerk Reta Larson.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

Director Hawman led the pledge of allegiance.

***Minutes of February 14, 2024, Board Meeting***

Clerk Larson noted one correction on Page 2 in the Chief’s Report section regarding the number of calls from the previous 3 years. Director Marcum moved to approve the February 14, 2024, board meeting minutes as corrected. Director Piersol seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Financial Report:***

The bond debt balance sheet shows $674,773.97 in bond taxes LGIP, $36,074.24 in bond debt services, $5,393.66 in bond debt services checking and $-29,072.66 due from other accounts for a balance of $687,169.21. The bond capital outlay balance sheet shows $4,021,145.50 in the Bond LGIP account, $20,070.08 in the bond account and $154,517.36 due from other accounts for a balance of $4,195,732.94. The bond transaction report shows five transactions totaling $268,178.39. Director Marcum moved to pay the February bond expenses in the amount of $268,178.39. Motion was seconded by Director Hawman. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed. The balance sheet for the General Fund shows a balance in LGIP of $3,955,907.87, $500.00 in petty cash, $63,011.45 in the Banner Bank checking account, $50,028.42 in Reserve Fund LGIP and $520,749.22 due from other accounts for a balance of $4,590,196.96. The budget report was then reviewed showing taxes collected during February total $66,161.81. $5801.25 was Fire Med collections, with total ambulance revenue collected at $152,420.320 and $302,447.80 received from GEMT funding for total Ambulance Service Fee Revenue of $460,669.25. No Maintenance Service Fees collected in February. $2500.00 was collected from Grants, $3000.00 was received in Intergovernmental Agreements. No Fire Suppression Fees collected in February. Miscellaneous Revenue of $46,564.16 was collected in February. No other revenue was received during the month. Total revenue collected during the month of February was $578,895.22. For expenses, $610,120.42 was spent on Personal Services. Materials and Services expended during the month of February totaled $266,138.53, $7,390.63 was spent from the General Fund Capital Outlay fund and $110,229.37 spent in Other Budgetary during February. The final report reviewed was the bank transaction report. Multiple transactions were reviewed with February expenses totaling $904,240.74. With no questions regarding the financial report, Director Hawman moved to pay February general fund expenses in the amount of $904,240.74. Director Marcum seconded this. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Communications:***

Volunteer Association: Director Marcum reported that the golf tournament is in the beginning stages. The association will be cooking hot dogs for the open house scheduled for March 15.

***Chief’s Report:***

See attached report. The district responded to 473 calls during February. This is a 12.06 percent increase from February 2023. The Community paramedic Toyota Highlander vehicle should be here in the next few weeks. It is going to be an awesome vehicle. Chief suggested that if the board is looking for a recipient for the board award that Roger’s Toyota would be an excellent choice. Chief talked about the new way that we are reporting delays in responses. Some of the delays in response is a dispatching issue. Director Sherman asked if we received any response to the letter that was sent to Sheriff Rowan. Chief received a response from Karen Primmer within an hour of sending it. Chief also reported that he cc’d the letter to Commissioner Dorran.

***Old Business:***

Capital Improvements

And Purchases:

Station work: The open house is scheduled for March 15 at Station 24 and many dignitaries have been invited to attend. Station 23 demolition work has started. There is an issue with water requirements for that Station that is still being worked out. Internet was established today at Station 22. Jessica and Corey are ready to move in at Station 22 with Nick and Nathan close behind. The downtown station is still in the design phase but hoping to go out to bid soon. Chief did report that the asbestos bid came back significantly under budget. Director Marcum asked about striping at Station24. Chief said that he would make that happen.

Apparatus status: The ambulance is still on order. It will cost about $200,000.00. It will be just like Medic 21. The biggest challenge is trying to figure where to put all the apparatus.

Grants – SAFER, AFG, et

al The AFG grant has been submitted for the new engine. It is to replace the 1989 apparatus. The SAFER grant is open currently. Chief has a few more questions to answer for the grant writer. There are still grants out for auto pulses. Scott Goff is looking at applying for a grant for a fire extinguisher prop that will be for approximately $40,000.00.

Budget committee member

Appointment: Director Whelan moved to approve Glenn Silaski as an alternate on the budget committee to replace Tom Martin. This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Awards banquet

delayed to May 17: There is a new venue for this event. The Harkenrider Senior Center will be the venue for this event on May 17. Director Sherman feels that next month is an appropriate time to pick a recipient for a board award.

New CPP vehicle: Covered in Chief’s report.

Letter to Sheriff Rowan

Re: Dispatch: Covered in Chief’s report.

***New Business:***

Billing for MVA’s and

Vehicle fires: Tabled until next month.

AED’s at farms: A two-day CPR class was held at Hawman Farms with approximately 80 people attending. Eight of the farms have joined together to commit to funding AED’s at the farms with a possibility of two more. They cost about $2500.00 each. The district will purchase the AED’s and invoice each of the farms so that they are all the same as the ones the district uses.

Surplus old Squad 24: This is the old Community paramedic vehicle. (2005 Chevrolet Trail Blazer) Director Marcum moved to surplus the 2008 Chevrolet Trail Blazer. This was seconded by Director Piersol. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Approve Auto Pulse

Purchase: The Good Shepherd Hospital Foundation awarded a $20,0000 grant for an auto pulse. The auto pulse comes with a five-year warranty at a total cost of $32,000.00. Director Whelan moved to approve the purchase of the auto pulse. This was seconded by Director Piersol. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Chief’s Evaluation

in March: Director Sherman reported that he will get together with Jim Whelan to conduct an annual evaluation of Chief Stanton’s performance.

**Board Member Comments:**

Director Sherman reported that he had lunch with Terry Cummings and he is feeling good enough to get out and about. He has finished physical therapy.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2006.