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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Scio Fire District met at St. 91 located at 38975 SW Sixth Avenue, Scio Oregon.

Board of Directors:

- Paul Dykast, President
- Sioux Ellis, Vice President
- Larry Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
- Pat Traeger, Director
- Katrina Clouse, Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Chief Kyle White, Administrative Assistant Amy Watson, Richard LaBelle, Terri and Mark Barker, Nicholas Riedel, Misty Kastle, Dean Shrunk, Darin Colgan, Levi Forson, Tiffany Weber, Brenda Spence, and Xea Sprague.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paul Dykast.

ATTENDANCE: Roll called. Quorum established.

FLAG SALUTE: Flag Salute led by President Paul Dykast.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA: Larry Brown moved to accept consent agenda which consisted of minutes of August, payment of bills, check review, and 2023-24 expenditure sheet. Katrina Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Dykast, Brown, Clouse)

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sioux Ellis moved to accept the agenda. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Brown, Dykast, Ellis)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President Dykast wanted to recognize Dean Shrunk in the audience. Dean has been a long-standing volunteer and has done a lot for the district.

CORRESPONDENCE: *Chief White-1)* We received a thank you note from the City of Scio. They wanted to thank the district for hosting the National Night Out event we had here last month. 2) The district received a volunteer donation of \$25.00 from Eloise Peaslee.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief White – 1) Last night we celebrated the retirement of volunteer Howard Ellis as a thank you for his 31 years of service with the district. 2) We are in a new fiscal year, and we have received .2% of taxes. 3) Tender 92 and the Command rig were sent out to the Tyee Fire conflagration. They were there for eight days 4) We had a good turnout for the 9/11 Appreciation Dinner at the Scio Christian Church 5) November 2-4th is the OFDDA Conference in Seaside. The Class recommended to the Board is Board Member Duties and Responsibilities 101. 6) Stayton has an EMR class next month and Jefferson will be starting an EMS class soon. 7) The Chief is currently working on a Sleeper Program document which is like a resident program. New volunteers will be sleeping at the station and responding to calls over night and be the first to respond quickly. 8) Wildland Staffing Grant will end on September 24th.

Administrative Assistant – Nothing at this time.

Volunteer Association –

Nicholas Riedel – The SCB Association (Scio Crabtree and Bilyeu Den) presented a letter to the Board. This letter states the loss of confidence in Board member Pat Traeger's ability to service in the Scio Fire District's best interest. Due to a violation of the District's Board policies the SCB Association demands the immediate resignation of Pat Traeger within 10 days.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief White – Update on the Stillman family concerns. Chief White hired a private investigator Jim Ferreras to investigate the Stillman case. This investigator is highly recommended. Due to his Jim's current case load would not be able to start until a couple of weeks. The investigator does have the key contact information of who to contact regarding the case.

Generator update – The repairs estimate is around \$27,000. The engine has a cracked block and Hughes is willing to do the repairs, however a search for an engine is still ongoing. The generator runs on natural gas and is 150kw, 4V 10 engine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Katrina Clouse to discuss transparency – She is requesting more transparency of current any issues the district is dealing with. She would also like more accountability of volunteers with the Board and Fire Chief. She would like any personal issues between Board members Traeger and Ellis to be addressed. She is looking for accountability, results, and action for the previous Fire Chief Levi Eckhardt.

Chief White – 1) Surplus canopy – Canopy was special ordered the same year as the new truck. Due to supply chain issues the truck did not arrive until well after the canopy was ordered and it does not fit the new truck. It is worth approximately \$2,500. The Chief is requesting that we surplus it.

Ellis moved to surplus the canopy. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Brown, Dykast, Clouse, Ellis)

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER & BOARD COMMENTS: Chief White – He would like to remind the Board that the volunteers answer to the Fire Chief. He oversees tactics, strategy, training, policy, procedures, praise, and discipline. Any concerns with the volunteers the Board should contact the Fire Chief directly.

Director Ellis would like to see all Board members attend the OFDDA Conference November 2nd-4th in Seaside OR.

NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting on October 17th, 7 p.m. Station 91 – 38975 SW 6th Avenue, Scio OR

ADJOURNMENT: **Ellis moved, and Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Amy Watson
Amy Watson, Administrative Assistant

Larry Brown
Larry Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
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