

JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Jim Stearns. The following directors were also present: John Foster, John Ellis, Craig Berry and Randy Cort. Also in attendance were Mike Hammond, Nikki Knox, Jenna Kurzyniec, and Cameron Deupree.

Roll Call: Jim Stearns, John Ellis, John Foster, Craig Berry and Randy Cort, were all present.

Good of the Order: The election results for the Capital Levy were discussed by President Jim Stearns. To show appreciation, the BOD unanimously recommended sending letters to the editor of the Rogue River Press and other local media, to thank district voters and an open house to be held in April of 2024.

Minutes: BOD Regular Session – October 11, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Randy Cort made a motion to approve BOD minutes as presented, John Ellis 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. Safety Minutes – October 10, 2023 were reviewed. MSDS, workman's' compensation metrics and length of safety meetings, discussed. John Ellis made a motion to approve the Safety minutes as presented, John Foster 2<sup>nd</sup>, Randy Cort-yes, Jim Stearns-yes, Craig Berry-no, due to lack luster effort, opaque reporting and discriminating policies toward sitting Board members.

Finance: Apparatus Maintenance oil prices, Upfit of new ambulance, and Computer IT pricing and PERS were discussed. Randy Cort moved to approve the October financial reports, John Ellis 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roll call vote results were; John Foster-yes, John Ellis-yes and Randy Cort-yes, Jim Stearns-yes and Craig Berry-yes.

Correspondence: CPI definitions, WUI grants available for Wildfire Planning and Safety Zones, and upcoming Bridge Closures.

Old Business:  
None

New Business:  
Union MOU concerning Paid Leave Oregon. OFDDA conference overview, two BOD members attended Jim Stearns and John Ellis.

Monthly reports:  
The latest WUI activities, safety zones, home assessments, response plan and public outreach were discussed. An update of the student Paramedic program was given. Staff members Cameron Deupree and Kaci Carder now have their Paramedic license. Organizational Review update given and scheduled For November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Update on the Mercy Flight Apprenticeship Program for paramedic students was given; the program received a grant and is in the process of developing the program parameters. Chief Hammond gave a review of a recent water rescue involving the rescue boat and EMS staff. Local and Capital levy, public education and ISO ratings were also discussed. John Ellis moved to approve the monthly reports, Randy Cort 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed unanimously.

Future Items: Alliance Goals, Budget Workshop in Jan-Feb, WUI activities update.

Public Comment: none

John Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting, Randy Cort 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

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Nikki Knox  
Clerk to the Board

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Craig Berry  
Secretary/Treasurer - Board of Directors