

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Bauer
Sue Curths
Jeff Hart
Mike Welter

CHIEF OF DISTRICT
Kyle McMann



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MIDDLE GROVE STATION
PRATUM STATION
MACLEAY STATION
BROOKS STATION
CLEAR LAKE STATION
LABISH CENTER STATION
CHEMEKETA STATION

MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No.1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Present were President Welter, Director Bauer, Director Hart, Director Curths were present. Others present were Fire Chief McMann, Deputy Fire Chief Lee, Renee Gilbert, Jerry Martin,

Public: Dave Lindley, Don Maxwell, Keizer Fire Chief Ryan Russell

Director Welter called the Board meeting to order at 7:22pm

Flag Salute: Complete.

Agenda: Director Curths moved to approve the motion. Director Bauer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Commendations, Special Reports/Awards: None.

Minutes: May 4th, Director Bauer made a motion to approve. Director Hart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report. Secretary Hart stated we are in 10 months of the fiscal year. About 17% left in the budget. The LGIP interest rates went up to 4.05%. In general fund, the collection ratio is in a positive direction. Grant revenue is still looking to collect some money. Chief McMann and Renee discussed the incoming grant revenue planning and obtaining the money within Fiscal Year 23.
2. Strategic Planning. Chief McMann stated that June 2nd will be the first meeting and they will begin to full look into and begin the process.
3. Community Involvement. Paula Smith has gotten a lot of request for field days. We are attending as many as possible. The County Commissioner work session was attended for the Community Wildfire Protection Program and Emergency Management. The Keizer City Council is still attended by one of our chiefs monthly. Chief Russell and Chief McMann talked about splitting meeting in order to have a representative for both agencies at each meeting. President Welter thanked Chief McMann and the crews for helping out with the community outreach.

Old Business:

1. **Budget Committee Appointments.** President Welter asked Dave Lindley about the Hayesville association and their interest. David Lindley volunteered his assistance for the budget committee. Discussion ensued. Director Curths made a motion to appoint David Lindley to position #4 on Budget Committee. Director Bauer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Board Vacancy.** Sue would like to step down from the board but would be willing to be appointed if needed. As of 05/17/23, there was no clear winner from the election. An individual attended the last Board Meeting who expressed interest. Director Bauer stated as of the new list he has 10 write ins. Welter stated that he believes they need 25 write ins. The board will have to reach out to the individuals to confirm election in a certain time frame. If this is not complete the spots will be declared vacant. Budget Committee member Julio Quevedo also was willing to be appointed to the board. President Welter will reach out to the elections committee to clarify. An individual called Chris Bryant has 23 votes and Roy Hari has 17 votes. Discussion ensued about the legality of the election write ins. Director Bauer suggested if in the write in do not meet requirements for elections to hold interviews. Director Curths offered to call the elections committee in lieu of President Welter.
3. **Local Option Levy.** Chief McMann expanded out the four options for the levy. This is mainly in relations to the nine Safer grant employees that will expire February 20th of 2025. The District is able to go for a levy November of 2023 or May of 2024. This would allow for a year before the Safer Grant expired. We would also be able to do November of 2024 or May of 2025. This would lead to some conflicts with the Safer Grant employees. Our current \$.59 cent levy expires in 2026. The first option is to go out for another levy. Operations and personnel would be 5 years max. Nine firefighters cost roughly 1.1 million dollars. We would need at minimum another \$.50 cents. Second option is we can get a new levy. This would drop our \$.59 cent levy. This levy would be going for a \$1.00. This would only take care of the first year. Third option is local option levy for capital projects. This would only work for capital outlay and would not work for anything personnel. This option would last 10 years. This would help with a new station, new apparatus, etc. Only big purchases with this option. We could also go in with a bond. This would not realistically afford the nine firefighters. It would also increase the amount of bond counsel and legal help which would cost more money. Last option is to do bonded debt. Last bond was 30 to 33 cents. This would be around 1.1 million. Salem's bond interest was anticipated at 4.27%, and 3.67% was the actual interest rate given. This is more a stable option. Discussion ensued. Sam Phillips will apply for this grant before it expires. Chief McMann stated that this is not common at all to win these grants twice. Chief McMann recommended option two or option one. Discussion ensued. Director Bauer suggested going out for a new levy May of 2024. President Welter and Director Curths agreed. This would provide multiple opportunities to obtain levy incase of a failure. The board came to a census that we are going to go for our levy

in May of 2024. This would include dropping of the currently levy. Our rates would be based off of current staffing models.

New Business: None.

Chiefs Report:

1. Grants. There are few grants including a capacity grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal. Sam is still continuing applying.
2. Quint. The week of June 12th, Chief McMann and BC Berger will fly back to look at the Quint for the final inspection. It is expected to be in service September of 2023.
3. Station 2 remodel. This is officially over the deadline. 2G Construction is finishing the electrical and finishing touches. The end of July is when Station 2 is now expected for move in. We will be charging liquidated damages of \$250 a day until completion.
4. Budget. We officially have completed the budget as of 05/18/23. Chief McMann thanked and gave a shout out to Renee for her great work and quick learning.
5. Keizer Collaboration. All crews have reported great things with the joint collaboration at Station 6. We have had a few calls in which our two Districts have been able to work together. Chief McMann and Chief Russell are going to a conference for Fire station design to look into what a new joint station would consist of. Chief Russell shared a positive report of what his crews have been discussing.

Individual/Organizational Input:

Special Presentations: None

VFFA: Jerry Martin shared about the changes at Station 5. He stated that there are still adjustment being made. Overall it is positive, but to soon to tell the future

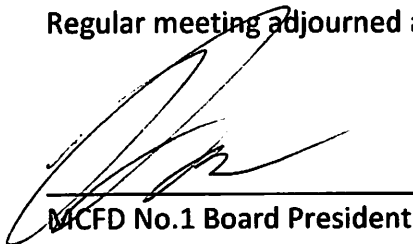
Local 2557: None

Good of the order: President Welter asked if we can move the Board Meeting to June 8th due to him being out of State. The Board and Chief McMann agreed.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting June 8, 2023, 6:00 pm at Brooks Fire Station #5 Training Room, 4960 Brooklake Rd. NE and ZOOM.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:43pm


MCFD No.1 Board President


MCFD No.1 Board Secretary