McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting October 19, 2026

Directors
- ☒ President Derek Wing
- ☐ Vice President Bruce Daniel - Excused
- ☒ Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr.
- ☒ Board Member George Burnette Dillon
- ☒ Board Member Julie Koch

Staff
- ☒ Fire Chief Darren Bucich
- ☒ Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
- ☒ Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the October Board meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue

President Derek Wing administered the oath of office to Julie Koch, appointed to fill Position #2, following a vacancy.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the September 21st, 2026, Board meeting. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: *Following review, a motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of September and approve the Monthly Financial Review form, subject to audit, was made by George Burnette Dillon. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Chief's Report: Chief Bucich's report was included in the Board packet. Also discussed:

PIER Grant: The tank at the McKenzie Discovery Center will be delivered Friday, October 23rd. The following week, the Deerhorn tank will be delivered and set. Once complete, Chief Bucich is hoping to use water from the temporary tanks to fill these tanks. He continues to meet with the County, State, and Federal partners every other week for updates.

Additional PIER Funding: Chief Bucich reported that Lane County will need to publish the purchase of a new pumper/tender for seven (7) days. The District will be using Sourcewell, which is a federally approved site for purchasing equipment. Chief Bucich and Deputy Chief Thompson are currently working through the pumper/engine specifications.

Fire Season: Chief Bucich reported that fire season has ended and backyard burning has opened.

Community Preparedness Meeting: Chief Bucich reported that approximately 25 people attended the Community Preparedness meeting on Monday, October 12th. Topics discussed included generators and fuel, food and water, power outages, GMRS radios, communications, etc.

AFG Micro Grant: The District has been awarded the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for the purchase of radios, $75,000. The District will be required to contribute a match of 5% totaling $3,571.43.

Personnel: Chief Bucich is recommending a 5% increase for staff. This would increase the personnel line by $40,510. He recommended reducing the transfer line by the same amount. *Following discussion, Julie Koch moved to reduce the transfer line from $882,130 to $841,620 and approve a 5% salary increase for staff. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Action Items

Resolution #4 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Rowe West/Brewer Conflagration, $149,881

Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #3 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the East Evans Creek Conflagration, $108,894. Julie Koch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

No New Business

Good of the Order

Marv Brabham: Marv was a long-time Booster Association member and recently passed away. The District will be attending his service at McKenzie Bible Fellowship.

Halloween: The District will send an engine and personnel to hand out candy on Madrone Street.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer