



# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

September 15, 2025

- Directors
- President Derek Wing
  - Vice President Bruce Daniel
  - Secretary/Treasurer Lee Means
  - Board Member Raymond Byrne, Jr.
  - Board Member George Burnette Dillon
- Staff
- Fire Chief Darren Bucich
  - Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
  - Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the September meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

## No Guests

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2025, Board meeting, as presented. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

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

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

Also discussed:

PIER Grant: Chief Bucich met with the contractor, Paramount Ironworks, both virtually and on the phone. They were able to secure a portion of the engineering/assessment funds to complete the site plans for approved sites. There are four approved sites to date: Dehne property on the lower end of Deerhorn Road, the McKenzie Discovery Center, Goodpasture Road, and Mt. Hagen Road. Chief Bucich is still working with EWEB on the Leaburg Dam Road site.

Capital Purchase: The approved 2025-2026 budget included funds in the Capital Outlay: Apparatus & Equipment line for the purchase of new monitors, to replace current monitors that are no longer supported/repairable. Chief Bucich and Deputy Chief Thompson will continue to investigate.

Communications: The 2025-2026 approved budget also contained allocated funds in the Equipment Reserve fund for Communications. The allocated funds will be used to purchase new radios. Chief Bucich and Deputy Chief Thompson are working on this and will provide an update at the October meeting.



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**Summer Staffing:** Summer staffing will end on September 29th. One summer staff member will transition into the Student Program.

**Junior Volunteer Program:** Chief Bucich reported on the different rules that apply to Junior Volunteers and recommended suspending the Junior Volunteer program until the District can work through an update of this program.

**Officer's Meeting:** Chris Heppel, Risk Manager with WHA, will teach a leadership class to McKenzie Fire & Rescue Officers on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Bucich is hoping to carry this forward to the volunteers as well.

## No Action Items

## No Unfinished Business

## New Business

Chapter 7, Personnel: The proposed updates to District Policy Chapter 7 were reviewed with the Board. Following the review and discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr., moved to adopt the proposed policy updates. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Community Preparedness Meeting Highlights.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.  
Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer