



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

February 18, 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 February meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. This meeting was moved to Tuesday in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 17th, with Board approval.

Guests: Dale Ledyard, Battalion Chief, McKenzie Fire & Rescue
Danni Urbatzka, Lane County Taxation & Assessment
Mary Vuksich-Shafer, Lane County Taxation & Assessment

Guests Danni Urbatzka and Mary Vuksich-Shafer discussed the process of adding homes to the taxation list for new construction and post-Holiday Farm Fire rebuilding. The Board expressed their appreciation for the information provided.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the January 20, 2025, Board meeting. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of January, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Bucich's written report was included in the Board packet. Also discussed: Phone System: The landlines at 16-2 and 16-4 will be turned off and the District will work with station caretakers to provide internet.

PIER Grant: We have provided Lane County with the requested information and now wait for the next steps.

EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant: Chief Bucich reported we have approximately 70 interested residents in the Cedar Flat and Deerhorn Road areas currently on the list. The bid application period closed on Friday, February 14th. The District received 11 bid packets from interested contractors. We will work with the grant representative on the evaluation/scoring process for the packets.



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Extrication Tools: To keep District equipment up-to-date, Chief Bucich recommended replacing extrication tools at 16-2 and 16-4. The tools at 16-2 will be replaced with a combination tool while the tools at 16-4 will be replaced with a complete set. Chief Bucich requested \$70,000 be used from the Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase the tools, with the understanding that the requested amount will also provide a maintenance agreement.

Following discussion, George Burnette Dillon moved to spend up to \$70,000 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of new extrication tools for 16-2 and 16-4, to include maintenance agreements. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Surplus Extrication Tools: Chief Bucich requested the Board consider gifting the replaced extrication tools to a deserving small District or selling them. Chief Bucich will investigate the selling price and report back at the March meeting.

Digital Sign: The sign has been ordered and permits approved.

Audit: The District filed for an audit extension in December. The deadline provided was Monday, February 17th but no audit has been provided. The District will contact the State Audits Division for the next steps.

16-2: Deputy Chief Bart Thompson reported that the bay heater at 16-2 will be converted to propane, which will prove beneficial during power outages.

No Action Items

Unfinished Business

Chapter 5 Revisions: This discussion was tabled until the March 17th Board meeting.

New Business

Budget Committee: Bruce Daniel made a motion to appoint the Budget Committee as presented: Dana Burwell, Herb Gazeley, Dale Ledyard, Biff Owen, and Andrew McWilliams. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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The Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 8th.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 17th, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer