



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

January 19, 2026

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

President Derek Wing called the January meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:03 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Bruce Daniel moved to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2025, Board meeting, as presented. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: *Following review, a motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of December and approve the Monthly Financial Review, 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:

PIER Funding: Chief Bucich escorted the Environmental Assessor to five tank sites. The State can refuse the Assessor's report, so we are in limbo until the reports are complete and reviewed.

The Ford Family Foundation Grant/Leaburg Library HVAC and Plumbing Upgrade Project: The new HVAC unit has been installed in the main room and crews have begun working on the plumbing upgrades to the restroom.

Special Districts of Oregon (SDAO) Safety & Security Grant: The updated cameras for the security system have been installed.

16-4 Mobile: The caretaker at 16-4 has purchased a house in town and will be moving. Chief Bucich has approached a second-year student about the opening as caretaker.

Health Insurance Increases: Early projections for insurance premiums are 14.9%. We will know more after the SDAO conference in February.



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EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant: Chief Bucich will be following up with Brink's to determine the project status.

1694: 1694 was damaged when another vehicle slid on ice into the front end, causing significant damage. Unfortunately, the driver of the other vehicle was uninsured. The preliminary damage assessment took place last Friday and we are waiting to hear the results of this report. Chief Bucich would prefer not to wait until the next Board meeting to move forward, should the truck be totaled.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that, if totaled, Chief Bucich could use the insurance buyout plus up to an additional \$25,000 from Equipment Reserve to purchase and outfit a new response vehicle.

Bruce Daniel moved to use the insurance buyout and up to \$25,000 from Equipment Reserve to purchase and outfit a new response vehicle, if 1694 is deemed a total loss. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Items

Appoint Chief Bucich as Budget Officer:

Bruce Daniel moved to appoint Chief Bucich as the 2026-2027 Budget Officer. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve the 2026-2027 Budget Calendar, noting the date amendment to the February Meeting in observance of Presidents Day and the change of month for the Budget meeting from April to May:

Bruce Daniel moved to accept the 2026-2027 Budget Calendar with amended dates. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

No New Business

Good of the Order

Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard reported the death of Myrna Mills, a long time Booster member and strong supporter of the fire district. She will be missed.

Derek Wing offered his appreciation to this Board for their unified approach to the community and fire district.

Awards Banquet: Saturday, March 14th

Next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, February 17, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer