



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

August 18, 2025

- Directors
- President Derek Wing (Excused)
 - 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

Vice President Bruce Daniel called the August meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:02 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 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 July 21, 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 July and approve the Monthly Financial Review, subject to audit, was made by Bruce Daniel. 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: Allocated funds will only provide seven tanks instead of the original ten (10). Upper McKenzie Fire District will receive two and the remaining tanks will be installed in McKenzie Fire & Rescue's District.

Lane County Grant: Chief Bucich provided an update on the non-perishable food and emergency supplies purchased to date.

Annexation: 24 letters were sent to homeowners outside the District response area. To date, we have received eight responses, six in favor and two opposed. Homeowners have until the end of August to respond.

16-1 Annex: The damaged areas of the mobile home at 16-1 will be repaired and painted as an in-house project.

Red Cross: Chief Bucich recently met with Red Cross personnel and feels this will be a strong partnership moving forward.



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Student Program: The 2025-2026 Student Program will begin September 30th. We have six students and a seventh previous student considering.

Surplus Engine: Following Board approval during the August 18, 2025 meeting, the surplus engine has been donated to Crescent Fire District.

1694: 1694 was damaged during a response. Chief Bucich and Deputy Chief Thompson are evaluating to determine the best way to proceed.

Boat Operators: Three new boat operators were signed off for emergency response.

Community Preparedness Meeting: Chief Bucich and staff are planning a community-wide meeting in October to highlight seasonal preparedness (i.e. generators, fuel, cooking fires, extension cords, etc). An update will be provided at the September Board meeting.

Personnel: Chief Bucich proposed a Longevity Program. The Program would include an annual stipend based on budget availability and would be included in the Payroll Contingency budget line. Following discussion, the Board requested to see policy verbiage, which will be provided at the September Board meeting.

Additionally, the Board discussed the possibility of an insurance waiver for employees who may have comparable or better insurance coverage through a spouse or family member. Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the proposal to allow employees the option to waive District insurance coverage for a comparable or better policy. The employee may receive a monthly refund, included with their regular pay, based on the annual single person rate. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Action Items

Resolution #2 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Lane County-DRLC Supply Grant, \$39,543. Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #2 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Lane County-DRLC Supply Grant, \$39,543. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution #3 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant, \$125,000. Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #3 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant, \$125,000. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution #4 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Rowena Conflagration, \$18,696.75. Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept Resolution #4 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Rowena Conflagration, \$18,696.75. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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No Unfinished Business

New Business

Chief's Contract: The updated Chief's contract was presented to the Board. The identified changes are reflected in the PERS and Insurance sections. Following review and discussion, Lee Means moved to accept the Chief's contract as presented. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Good of the Order

Preparedness Meeting, Vida Community Center: Chief Bucich will attend and share at the Preparedness Meeting tomorrow at the Vida Community Center.

Walterville Waddle: Saturday, September 6th. As usual, the District will have a booth to share public safety information and trucks in the parade. The District also provides traffic control personnel.

Flu Shot Clinic: Wednesday, September 17th at 9am and 6:30 pm. The standard flu shots are available to volunteers at no cost, and family members. Family members are expected to pay or use insurance billing information.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.
Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer