



## **Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District**

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Detroit City Hall Council Chambers 160 Detroit Ave, Detroit, Oregon**

#### **Call to Order:**

Director Schultz called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

#### **Attendance:**

Board of Directors: Lyn Schultz, Linda Stice, Walt Collier, Jeff Skeeters

Staff: Fire Chief Will Ewing, Office Administrator/Lt. Laura Harris

Others Present: Debby Ruyle

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Announcements:** Lt Harris announced that the fire district will be having a BBQ on August 31<sup>st</sup>. It is kid-centered, with games, prizes, and raffle prizes. It will be at the Idanha City Park from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. Volunteers are welcome for set-up, take down, and other BBQ activities.

**Consent Agenda:** Director Stice moved to accept the consent agenda. Director Collier seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Motion passed. Director Collier noticed a grammatical error on the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>. Under “designation of meeting place and time,” it should read “same” instead of “dame.” Chief Ewing mentioned that it would be better to approve all the point of the consent agenda separately, that way there can be a separate discussion for each point instead of just skimming over the whole thing. Director Stice moved to accept the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>. Director Collier seconded, with the grammatical error change. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Motion passed.

Chief Ewing gave a general financial report: We have \$19,000 (approx.) in the bank, and \$43,000 (approx.) in the LGIP account, for a total of \$63,000 (approx.) in available funds. Without the cost of the recruitment officers included, we are spending roughly \$6,000-\$7,000 per month in general business. The month of August will be higher due to the installation of the turnout extractor, which includes costs for the electrician and the plumber.

The Grumman engine is almost ready to go to Salem to have the decals put on, and it will help us with ISO points. Director Schultz asked about the tender. Chief Ewing stated it was still out of service, and there is a small possibility of receiving another tender from DPSST, but there were a lot of districts requesting it.

Director Collier moved to accept the financial statement. Director Stice seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Motion passed.

#### **Comments From the Public on Agenda Items:**

No public comments were made.

#### **Old Business:**

- a) **Idanha Station Upgrades:** Chief Ewing stated that he was trying to do the station upgrades in phases, and he was also attempting to work out a plan for how much total funding will be required. He will be bringing an updated rendering of the station to present at the next meeting. He will also try to get funding from the cities of Idanha and

Detroit for additional funds. Chief Ewing will be writing another grant from the Siletz Tribe to replace the heating system in the Idanha station. He is in contact with USFS to get into some local rock quarries for the façade on the Idanha station. Director Skeeters asked about emergency lighting. General discussion on the possibilities of acquiring a generator.

\*Idanha-Detroit was toned out during the meeting for an OD call on McCoy Creek Rd. The decision was made by Lt Harris and Chief Ewing to let law enforcement and the ambulance handle the call, and IDRFPD personnel will be on standby. Regular meeting resumed.\*

- b) **Apparatus Review:** The Grumman will be picked up from Eugene and dropped off in Salem to have the decals put on. We need to find a different storage facility for the vehicles in the Detroit station. Chief Ewing has been talking with Mayor Trett on the possibility of moving the vehicles to the old Detroit school building.

#### **New Business:**

- a) **Budget Adjustment:** It was discovered that we have not been requesting reimbursement for Capt. Hedin's PERS payments through the R&R Grant. Those funds are included in the grant funding, so we will be submitting a reimbursement request for those payments. Chief Ewing will be bringing a budget adjustment for the next meeting.
- b) **Letter to SDAO:** Chief Ewing would like to send a letter to SDAO from the Board, thanking them for their assistance in the litigation from Mr. Krill. Lt Harris will draft a letter, and bring it to the next Board meeting for the Board to review and sign.

#### **Staff and Committee Reports:**

- a) **Fire Chief:** Chief Ewing talked about the structure fire we had on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The occupant died by smoke inhalation and was found by the front door of the residence. The cause is still under investigation, but it is suspected that it was caused by an electrical fire. Gates Fire personnel mentioned that they were impressed by Idanha-Detroit Fire's knock-down during the fire, and the inspector from the Oregon Fire Marshal's Office was also impressed.
- b) **Recruitment Officers:** No report given, recruitment officers not present.

#### **Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items:**

Debby Ruyle asked that the litigation with Mr. Krill, and if it had been settled. It was confirmed by Chief Ewing that it had been resolved, and that we are not to speak about Mr. Krill from now on, except to make neutral statements (i.e., "Mr. Krill was an employee from this time to this time.)

Debby Ruyle also asked about the volunteer status. General discussion on the volunteers by Chief Ewing, stating that we are strengthening the out-of-district roster, and we are getting more participation lately. There may be a few volunteers that we need to let go, because they are on our roster, but they don't show up to any activities.

Chief Ewing mentioned the rehab group with the Fire Corps, and how we are trying to set that up for large incidents. We need to work out a point person for the rehab group, and figure out a plan for getting the rehab supplies to the scene. General discussion on the rehab group and what that would look like.

\*Radio traffic was heard for the OD call, requesting IDRFPD personnel and ambulance personnel to stage. General discussion on the call and the plan for it.

**Good of the Order:** General agreement by the Board and staff that having the meeting alternate between Idanha and Detroit is a good idea. The residents from Idanha can now feel more involved in fire district affairs.

**Next Board Meeting:** September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Idanha City Hall

**Adjournment:** Director Stice moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Skeeters seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. No nay votes were heard. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

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Board President

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Office Administrator