



Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 14th, 2019 – Idanha City Hall Council Chambers 111 Highway 22, Idanha, Oregon

Call to Order:

Director Schultz called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Attendance:

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

Staff: Fire Chief Will Ewing, AC Damon Faust, Lt Laura Harris

Others Present: Debby Ruyle, Greg Dyke

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Agenda Amendments: None

Announcements: Debby Ruyle presented a \$1,000 check from the Can-Can group to put towards the extrication equipment. She also suggested that the fire district should reach out to DLRABA for possible donations. General discussion on contact information.

Consent Agenda: Director Stice moved to approve the minutes from October 10th. Director Collier seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Motion passed. Chief Ewing presented the financial statement. He explained that we should have about \$15,000 more than was anticipated in the budget from our tax receipts. General discussion on the Recruitment and Retention grant that ended on October 30th. Director Skeeters moved to accept the consent agenda. 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 passed out a map of the footprint of the Idanha station. He wants to push the 3-bay back about 10-12 feet to accommodate the larger vehicles and will allow the smaller vehicles to double-park. The plan is to have all of the vehicles under a roof by next winter. AC Faust stated that now that the SAFER grant has ended, the focus is shifting to vehicle housing since we are having less people staying at the station. Chief Ewing wants to do a lot-line adjustment on the property line between the post office and the fire station to straighten the line out and make it easier to build. Director Schultz stated that Detroit City Council voted to replace the roof on the maintenance shed, but that there was no discussion on housing the fire district's vehicles. Chief Ewing stated that if cannot find proper housing for our vehicles, we will need to pull those vehicles from Detroit altogether.
Director Skeeters stated that there had been an incident with a local resident where the resident had gone to Director Skeeter's property across from the fire station, started the heavy rescue, had an open container of alcohol in it, and had moved it from its original location. The resident had already been trespassed from the property once that night by Director Skeeters for messing with the heavy rescue, and Lt Harris had told the resident

to leave it alone, but the resident had returned and was attempting to drive the heavy rescue before being confronted by Director Skeeters a second time. He stated that he had called 911 and that the sheriff told him they were not coming out. Director Stice mentioned that the resident was interested in buying the heavy rescue, but he had been told not to mess with it without fire district personnel present. She mentioned that the same resident had also been caught climbing on the water tender when it was previously parked on Director Stice's property. Chief Ewing stated that the same resident has harassed firefighters as well, and that he "has a rich history here." Director Schultz asked about pressing charges. General discussion on the lack of police coverage in the area. Chief Ewing thought that the situation had been adequately handled that night as the rescue was moved immediately.

Director Schultz asked about the officers parking squad vehicles at their houses. Chief Ewing replied that allowing the officers to have the squads at their homes means a faster response time for emergencies, and that we are covered by our insurance.

b) Apparatus Review:

- i. Brush Truck Repairs:** The transmission in the 1996 Chevy brush truck went out. We also had the windshield wipers repaired, and had the exhaust manifold repaired. The brush truck is not at Wire Works having a new donated light bar installed. One of the expeditions also needs some repairs and will be going to the same mechanic. Chief Ewing will be driving to California soon to pick up another brush truck that we will repair and then sell for a profit. The heavy rescue will be going to the government surplus organization and we will ask \$15,000 for it. We got a 2011 F-550 from the Ochocho National Forest, and the impeller for the pump is bad. The cost to repair it is around \$1,500. AC Faust stated that personnel from the Forest Service came to help him pull the bad impeller out of the vehicle and there is no labor cost for that service.
- c) ISO Review:** Chief Ewing stated that ISO is static at this point. The review will take place most likely early next year.

New Business:

- a) State Surplus Inter-Governmental Agreement:** The agreement is complete and will allow us to turn in the heavy rescue and other equipment to the state surplus.
- b) Grant Approval:** Chief Ewing talked about several grant opportunities that he has been working on and he asked the board to approve the submittal of the grant amounts as follows: \$9,000 to the Siletz tribe; \$9,000 to Consumer's Power; and \$6,000 to the Rural Development grant (USDA). Chief Ewing called ODOT to see if they had any grants available, and they said they have law enforcement grants but not fire protection grants. Director Skeeters moved to authorize the district to apply for Siletz, Consumer's Power, and Rural Development grants. Director Collier seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Motion passed.

Staff and Committee Reports:

- a) Fire Chief:** Chief Ewing stated that he had already given his report during the previous subjects.
- b) Recruitment Officers:** AC Faust stated that our volunteer numbers have remained steady and that as we have moved into the off-season, our call volume has dropped and

therefore our training opportunities have increased. We are not having to do as much recruiting for volunteers as our current volunteers have been recruiting by word-of-mouth.

General discussion on the internet troubles in Idanha. Frontier Internet is installing fiber-optic cable for Idanha and we will be switching our service to Frontier and bundle for internet and phone service.

Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Dyke asked if the district billed for motor vehicle accidents. Chief Ewing stated that we do, but if you own property within the district, you won't be billed.

General discussion on the possibility of pulling our resources out of Detroit and moving everything to Idanha. Director Schultz asked about the possibility of having a town hall meeting to inform the residents.

Good of the Order: There will be a Holiday Party on the 14th of December. We are having a joint party with the Snowmobile Club.

Next Board Meeting: December 12th at 5:00pm at Detroit City Hall

Adjournment: Director Stice moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Collier seconded. Aye votes heard from all directors present. Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

Board President

Office Administrator