

ALFALFA FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Alfalfa Fire Station, 25889 Alfalfa Market Rd, Alfalfa, OR
February 14 2024, 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

On Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, a regular business meeting was held with President Nate Starr presiding followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors:

- President, Nate Starr - Present
- Vice President, David Pike - Present
- Director, Mark Laucks - Absent
- Director, Carolyn Chase – Present
- Director, Adam Sutterfield - Absent

Fire chief, Chad Lavallee - Present

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Dorsey

VISITOR INPUT:

None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting minutes for December and January were reviewed. A grammatical correction for the word fun should be changes to fund. Director Chase motioned to approve the meeting minutes for December and January, Director Pike seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Postponed until a Treasurer is selected.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Chief LaVallee presented a review of finances for the month of January. Bank balance for the month was 199,891.93. Deposits for the month were \$37,188.19. Expenses were \$18,143.30. Director Chase motioned to approve the January finances as documented by The Chief. Director Pike seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chief LaVallee presented the Chief's Report. There have been 11 calls to date. All apparatus are currently in service. Training is currently focused on cold weather operations, extrication, and patient care/cpr. Training moving forward will be focused on wildland refresher training, and engine operations. We are in the process of writing the grant for the AFG for new air packs, SCBA fill station, and station exhaust system. We have been awarded the VFA grant in the amount of

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\$10,000. We have until September to expend the funds. Moving forward we will be putting a work group together to review policy, write new policy, and to look at ways to improve operations within the department. This will include a promotional process to move one person forward into a Lieutenant position to help bridge the gap between Firefighters and the administration. We will be working with Deschutes County on reviewing and renewing our East/West CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) which will help spell out resources and anticipated fire danger in an increasing drought and build a plan of action for the community. This includes fuels reduction, defensible space assessments, address sign program, and work on escape routes and building a Firewise community.

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW AND SIGN RESOLUTIONS

The board reviewed and signed resolutions 2024-01 and 2024-02, adopted in a previous session.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

SDAO CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Director Starr summarized some sessions he attended at the SDAO conference. We will have more discussion when Director Sutterfield is present. Director Starr said the sessions he attended were very good and informative.

JUNIPER ACRES

Stephanie Dorsey from Juniper Acres came in to discuss the possibility of the Alfalfa Fire District including Juniper Acres in its district. She provided a status of where they are in building a community group to help organize and facilitate support. Discussions additionally focused around roads, utilities, water, substation, taxes, and the process needed to do this. This will be an ongoing discussion with more information to come.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Pike at 7:36. Seconded by Director Chase. Motion was unanimously passed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 6 pm.