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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING MINUTES** **July 15th, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Scio Fire District met at St. 91 located at 38975 SW Sixth Avenue, Scio Oregon.

Board of Directors:

- ☒ Paul Dykast, President
- ☒ Katrina Clouse
- ☐ Rob Zurfluh
- ☒ Chad Weaver
- ☒ Tonya Fagan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Chief Kyle White, AA Amy Watson, Randy Boyer on behalf of the volunteer association, various members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paul Dykast.

ATTENDANCE: Roll called. Quorum established.

FLAG SALUTE: Flag Salute led by President Paul Dykast.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Dykast swore in new board members Chad Weaver and Tonya Fagan. Dykast noted that because Rob Zurfluh was absent, he would swear Rob in at the next meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President:

Fagan nominated Dykast as president. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Clouse, Weaver, Fagan)

Vice President:

Fagan nominated Weaver as vice president. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Clouse, Weaver, Fagan)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Fagan nominated Clouse as secretary/treasurer. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Clouse, Weaver, Fagan)

CONSENT AGENDA: Clouse moved to accept consent agenda which consisted of minutes of June, payment of bills, check review, and 2024-25 expenditure sheet. Fagan seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Clouse, Weaver, Fagan)

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Fagan moved to accept the agenda. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Clouse, Weaver, Fagan)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a very nice letter from Amy Kotek Wilson, first lady of Oregon, thanking us for sending members to Los Angeles and North Carolina for the natural disasters they experienced.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief White –1) Chief White highlighted the response report that has been included in the board packet. Fagan asked if this was public knowledge and Chief White stated that it is. 2) We have received 3 new volunteers within the past couple weeks. The company that does our physicals is backed up. 3) We started wildland upstaffing on July 1st. This is a \$35,000 grant that we received from the state fire marshal that allows us to hire 2 volunteers per day and use them to staff an apparatus from 10am until 8pm. 4) Chief LaBelle recently returned from the Elk Fire south of Bend. Chief LaBelle is a member of a state fire marshal's incident management team and takes a fire district pickup with him when he deploys to a fire. The district is reimbursed by the state for the use of the pickup. 5) We received a \$10,000 grant from VFC to allow us to buy some new tools. 6) We have submitted an application for a SAFER grant in partnership with the Jefferson Fire District. 7) We submitted an AFG grant application for 28 new SCBAs back in November. The cost for 28 new SCBAs is around \$360,000. Chief White stated that our current SCBAs are 4 models old and the manufacturer doesn't support them anymore. He stated that the district is starting to have a hard time finding parts for them. 8) Chief White has submitted an application to Firehouse Subs to buy 3 new defibrillators for 3 staff vehicles. The request was denied. 9) At the last meeting we were talking about water access. One of Chief White's goal this summer is to improve the district's access to water to use for firefighting. He made contact with a property owner at the end of Crabtree Drive who is going to let the district install a pipe on his property to draw water out of the Santiam River. 10) The board recently voted to move the Building Reserve Fund from a non-interest-bearing account to an interest bearing account. Chief estimates that this move would generate around \$7,000. Chief stated that we are going to wait until the new board members are onboarded and on the bank account before we move forward. 11) The firefighters have been prepping Station 93 for paint. 12) June 28th the district burned a house down on Hwy 226 for practice. It was a big success and the landowner was happy. 13) Last week we had a response to a grass fire on Robinson Drive. We had a very quick response responding with 5 brush rigs. We had enough brush rigs and members show up that we were able to quickly extinguish the fire and cancel all mutual aid units. The landowner was so impressed with our quick response that he filled out a volunteer application and submitted it. 14) National Night Out will be August 5th. We will host at Station 91 and Station 92. The organization in Scio (S.C.I.O.) that organizes NNO for Scio would like to invite the fire board to be servers. 15) Last night we had a shop fire on Larwood. Our response time was 14 minutes from the time of dispatch. The fire started burning into the brush and trees. The fire was at the base of Rodgers Mountain. We had 14 members show up and stopped the fire from spreading up Rodgers Mountain. We had enough volunteers show up that Chief was able to cancel some mutual aid units. 16) 3 members and Brush 91 left this morning with a task force from Linn County and responded to the Cram Fire near Madras.

Administrative Assistant – 1) We have our annual audit with Accuity on August 5th. The report should be completed around December and they will present to the board around January. 2) Amy handed out a signature form to be used to get the new board members on the district's bank accounts and gave details on what they need to do.

Volunteer Association – 1) Randy Boyer introduced himself to the new board members and gave some history and details about the association.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mandy Boyer talked about the EMR class that recently graduated.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER & BOARD COMMENTS: Dykast is excited to have the new board members present and looks forward to working with them. Clouse talked about transparency.

NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting on August 19th, 7 p.m. Station 91 – 38975 SW 6th Avenue, Scio OR

ADJOURNMENT: Dykast adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Submitted by:



Kyle White, Fire Chief



~~Katrina Clouse, secretary/treasurer~~
PRESIDENT