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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES March 18th, 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
- ☒ Sioux Ellis, Vice President
- ☐ Pat Traeger, Secretary/Treasurer
- ☒ Larry Brown, Director
- ☒ Katrina Clouse, Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Chief Kyle White, Dean Shrunk, Tomas Byington, Tanya Fagan, multiple members of the public and the fire district.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA: Katrina Clouse moved to accept consent agenda which consisted of minutes of February, payment of bills, check review, and 2024-25 expenditure sheet. Sioux Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Paul Dykast, Ellis, Larry Brown, Clouse)

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chief White introduced Tanya Fagan who is running for the board and Dean Shrunk who is on our budget committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief White read a “Thank You” card from Heidy Hunter.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief White –1) We have collected 97% of the taxes we expected to collect so far. 2) Chief is concerned that with everything that is going on at the federal level, we won't know if we will get a new SAFER grant, or even if a new SAFER grant will be offered, before the budget is required to be adopted. He expects to build two budgets, one if we get a new SAFER and one if we don't. We will then present the appropriate one at the time of budget adoption. 3) We currently have 2 citizens going through the onboarding process.

4) We completed hose testing on March 13th with a few failures. Chief will be scheduling DOT inspections and pump tests soon. 5) Chief is just about done with repairs and upgrades to the slip in unit we bought from Lyons. 6) Chief is currently buying equipment to outfit the brush truck we bought from the Pullman Fire Department. 7) We have several members going through wildland training to be leaders. Chief expects us to add one or two engine bosses to the ranks this year and maybe three or four more next year. 8) The VFC has announced the next filing period for the VFC grant. 9) Chief is close to submitting reimbursement paperwork for the current "tool" VFC grant. 10) Chief gave a shout out to the volunteers for a good job for their response to an RV fire and a missing autistic male earlier today.

Administrative Assistant – 1) The budget meeting is May 20th. Amy will be sending out the packets before then. 2) The City of Scio is hosting a public meeting law training session on June 3rd.

Volunteer Association – The SCBA has an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 19th starting at 9am at the high school.

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET CALENDAR ADOPTION – Chief White presented this year's budget calendar to the board. There were no changes made to the calendar.

Clouse moved to approve the FY 25/26 budget calendar. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, and Clouse)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPIRED TERMS – Dean Shrunk and Kathy Weatherford's terms have expired and both have expressed an interest in continuing their position.

Ellis moved to approve Dean Shrunk as a budget committee member for another 3-year term. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, and Clouse)

Clouse moved to approve Kathy Weatherford as a budget committee member for another 3-year term. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, and Clouse)

STATION 93 MINI SPLIT – Chief White presented a picture of the mini split at Fire Station 93 showing the unit iced up. Chief White detailed the recent history of the unit, stating that the previous unit was installed when the bond was approved around 2011 and had reached the end of its useful life with internal parts that had worn out. Last year the board approved the replacement of the unit. Chief White had Best Heating replace the old unit with a new one last fall. Throughout the winter, the new unit continued to ice up as shown in the picture. Best Heating had been called out 7 or 8 times throughout the winter and couldn't find anything wrong with the unit. A salesman was called out to measure the space and he stated that the unit that is currently installed is too small for the space and can't keep up. The salesman called Chief White a couple days later and said they have a 4-year-old used unit that has recently been uninstalled from a house that they would like to donate to the fire district. The value of the used unit is around \$5,000. The district would still need to buy the head units that hang on the inside wall (two of them), the piping, and pay for electrical permits. Chief White explained that the current heaters wouldn't be uninstalled but would supplement the new heater. The current heaters are on the right side of the station and the new heater would be installed on the left side. Ellis asked if there was a warranty. Chief White said he thought there was but would have to confirm with Best. Other board members felt like this was a good plan but also would like to see a warranty. Chief White explained that because this wasn't budgeted, it's likely that we would need to cut something else from the budget in order to pay for this. Chief White suggested we forego painting the station.

Clouse moved to approve the purchase and install of a used mini split at Fire Station 93 assuming a reasonable warranty exists. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, and Clouse)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

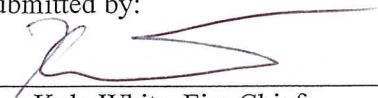
AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER & BOARD COMMENTS: Chief White reminded the board that the filing period is currently open for the 3 board positions and will close this Thursday at 5pm.

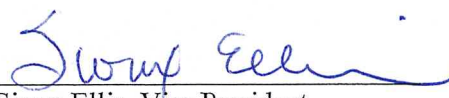
NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting on April 15th, 7 p.m. Station 91 – 38975 SW 6th Avenue, Scio OR

ADJOURNMENT: Dykast adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by:



Kyle White, Fire Chief



Sioux Ellis, Vice President