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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING MINUTES** **August 18th, 2026**

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 via Zoom

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Chief Kyle White

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sioux Ellis suggested the board consider hiring a part-time employee to help the administrative assistant. Dean Shrunk thanked the department and fire chief for responding to a recent emergency that he experienced.

CONSENT AGENDA: Fagan moved to accept consent agenda which consisted of minutes of July, payment of bills, check review, and 2026-27 expenditure sheet. Zurfluh seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Fagan, Zurfluh.)

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Zurfluh moved to accept the agenda. Fagan seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Fagan, Zurfluh)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief White shared thank you cards that he received from several kids while fighting the Rowe Complex West fire near Prineville.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief White – 1) Chief White returned earlier today from the Rowe Complex West conflagration near Prineville after a 10-day deployment. 2) Because of the deployment, response reports weren't completed

and included in the board packet. Chief will send those out next month with the September board packet. 3) We have a crew deployed on the Grasshopper fire. They are on day 12 and should be coming home soon. 4) National Night Out was a big success at both fire stations. Turnout was great considering the outside temperature was 95 degrees. 5) We interviewed 2 candidates for the position of Resident Volunteer. Both were good candidates. Chief offered both a position. One declined and the other vanished. At this point, we expect that all of the Chemeketa students have been picked up by other departments. Chief is going to look at the requirements and maybe tweak them a little in order to get a couple candidates. 6) Since our last board meeting, the district has had 4 conflagration deployments. The first was to Hagen. The crew left Hagen and responded to Grasshopper. After they returned, we sent another crew to the Grasshopper Fire. Then, Chief went to the Rowe Complex West fire. In addition, Rich LaBelle has been deployed. He stopped briefly at the Akawa Butte fire and is currently at the Grasshopper fire. 7) Chief is working on the East Evans Creek reimbursement packet. The total reimbursement amount for that fire should be around \$92,000. 8) Chief touched on the past decisions made that allowed him to receive Engine Boss training and ultimately allowed him to deploy to the recent conflagration. He also talked about the process for training new engine bosses and the prospects we have with the volunteers. 9) Having gone on this recent deployment, Chief has seen first-hand that there is some equipment the district should purchase to allow the firefighters to be more effective. When we get the first reimbursement, he plans on setting aside some funds for that equipment. 10) The annual audit is scheduled for September 1st. 11) We are starting a new Senior Firefighter program which is a training program aimed specifically at the more seasoned firefighters. It'll include training in strategy, tactics, dealing with personnel, and will include, at some point in the future, pulling duty shifts. Chief received 3 letters of interest for the Senior Firefighter program. 12) We had a problem with the August payroll which resulted in missed direct deposits and checks not getting printed on time. Chief doesn't know the cause yet but said he would research it and have a report ready for the board at the next board meeting. Fagan asked the chief to communicate with the board when he sends a crew on a conflagration. Fagan also had questions about the audit timeline.

Administrative Assistant – Nothing

Volunteer Association – Nothing

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

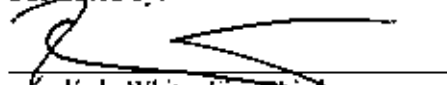
AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: Consider Ellis' suggestion on hiring a part-time employee to help Amy. Fagan would like to know what happened regarding the payroll problem. Zurfluh stated that in regard to the payroll issue, it happens.

GOOD OF THE ORDER & BOARD COMMENTS: Fagan thanked the volunteers for taking her grandchild on a tour of the fire station. Dykast commented on the good turnout for National Night Out.

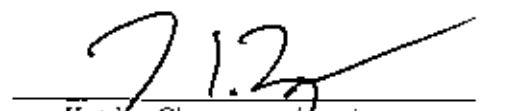
NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting on September 15th, 2026, 7 p.m. Station 91 – 38975 SW 6th Avenue, Seio OR

ADJOURNMENT: Dykast adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

Submitted by:



Kyle White, Fire Chief



Katrina Chuse, secretary/treasurer
Tanya Fagan in place of
Kathie Olson who was absent