**Umatilla County Fire District #1**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 9, 2025**

***Present:***

The meeting was called to order at 1900, July 9, 2025, in the meeting room at Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston, Oregon by Board President Ric Sherman. Those present included board members Mike Hawman, Eldon Marcum, Jim Whelan, Deputy Chief of Operations Richard Cearns and Clerk Reta Larson.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

Director Hawman led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the two Fire fighters who perished in Coeur D’ Alene on June 29.

***Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members:***

Board President Ric Sherman asked Clerk Larson to swear in newly elected board members Mike Hawman and Jim Whelan.

***Election of Board Officers***

Board President Ric Sherman then asked for nominations for the position of President. Director Hawman moved to leave the officers the same as they were for the previous year. They are as follows:

Board President – Ric Sherman

Board Vice President – Mike Hawman

Board Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Whelan

This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous decision for officers to remain the same as the previous year.

***Minutes of June 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes***

Director Whelan moved to approve the June 11th, 2025, board meeting minutes. Director Hawman seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Financial Report:***

The bond debt balance sheet shows $71,849.26 in bond taxes LGIP, $0.00 in bond debt services and $2,369.17 in the Bond Debt Services checking for a balance of $74,218.43. The bond capital outlay balance sheet shows $183,965.11 in the Bond LGIP account and $13,274.02 in the bond checking account for a balance of $197,239.13. There were five checks written in the bond transaction report. Total bond capital expenses for the month of June were $449,565.96. Director Marcum moved to pay bond capital expenses in the amount of $449,565.96. This was seconded by Director Hawman. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed. The balance sheet for the General Fund shows a balance in LGIP of $3,459,638.05, $500.00 in petty cash and $20,464.81 in the Banner Bank checking account and $452,641.00 due from other accounts for a balance of $3,933,243.86. The budget report was then reviewed showing taxes collected during June total 116,330.71. $3,470.25 was Fire Med collections, with total ambulance revenue collected at $245,716.19 for total Ambulance Service Fee Revenue of $249,186.44. Maintenance Service Fees collected during June total $833.00. Grant funds during June total $25,500.00. $1,500.00 was collected in Intergovernmental Agreement funds. No fire suppression or training income was collected in June. Miscellaneous revenue of $3,264.87 was collected in June. No other revenue was received during the month. Total revenue collected during the month of June was $396,615.02. For expenses, $801,574.35 was spent on Personal Services. Materials and Services expended in June totaled $126,835.10. $20,690.97 was spent on the General Fund Capital Outlay fund in June. The bank transaction report was reviewed next. Multiple transactions were reviewed with June expenses totaling $1,625,265.56. The final report reviewed was the Reserve Fund Account that shows a balance of $155,648.45. Director Whelan moved to pay June general fund expenses in the amount of $1,625,265.56. Director Hawman seconded this. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Communications:***

Director Marcum reported that the entire 4th of July weekend starting with the steak feed through the final event of the fireworks was a huge success.

***Chief’s Report:***

See the attached report. The district responded to 546 calls in June.

***Old Business:***

Station Alerting

Systems: All of the equipment has been purchased. The one thing that is still holding things up is a quote from Gordons Electric for the electrical part of the project.

Arbitration summary: The grievance that the union filed that ended up in arbitration was ruled in the district’s favor.

CRA/SOC and Strategic

Plan: The Community Risk Assessment, Standard of Cover and Strategic Plan reports will be emailed to the board members, so the board members may review the documents. The documents become public once the board approves them. The documents will be presented at the August board meeting.

Public Meetings Law: President Sherman continues to follow any progress on the State’s requirements for training for board members. Requirements have still not been finalized.

***New Business:***

Funding Resolution

Resolution 2025 – 2026

#1: This resolution was presented and read. This resolution funds the completion of Station 21 at a cost of 1.1 million to be borrowed from the bank of Zion, which is the bank that currently has our bond. There is no penalty for early payoff. Director Whelan moved to adopt Resolution 2025 – 2026 #1. This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval to adopt Resolution 2025 – 2026 #1.

New Ambulance

Order: The board discussed the need to order a new ambulance due to the time that it takes to receive it once ordered. Chief Stanton estimates the cost to be approximately $400,000.00. Director Hawman moved to authorize the purchase of up to 2 ambulances. This was seconded by Director Whelan. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

New Legislation

Requiring background

Checks: The new legislation passed requires background checks. The district currently performs background checks so the district should be in compliance when the finalization of the requirement is presented.

Lawsuit Update: Richard gave a brief update on the 2 cases before the district.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2002.