**Umatilla County Fire District #1**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 11, 2025**

***Present:***

The meeting was called to order at 1900, June 11, 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, Glenn Silaski and Jim Whelan, Fire Chief Scott Stanton, David Hansen and Clerk Reta Larson.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

Director Hawman led the pledge of allegiance.

***Budget Hearing:***

Board President Ric Sherman declared the budget hearing open at 1901. There being no comments he then declared the budget hearing closed and reconvened the regular board meeting at 1902.

***Minutes of May 14th 2025, Budget Committee Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes***

Director Whelan moved to approve the May 14th, 2025, budget committee meeting minutes and the May 14th, 2025 board meeting minutes. Director Marcum seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Financial Report:***

The bond debt balance sheet shows $59,461.41 in bond taxes LGIP, $0.00 in bond debt services and $2,379.08 in the Bond Debt Services checking for a balance of $61,840.49. There were two transactions written on the bond debt services checking account totaling $445,405.50. These two checks were written to Zions Bancorporation, National Association and are the bond payments. The bond capital outlay balance sheet shows $617,261.26 in the Bond LGIP account and $16,685.93 in the bond checking account for a balance of $633,947.19. There were three checks written in the bond transaction report. Total bond capital expenses for the month of May were $269,673.53. Director Marcum moved to pay bond debt service expenses in the amount of $445,405.50 and bond capital expenses in the amount of $269,673.53. This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed. The balance sheet for the General Fund shows a balance in LGIP of $3,351,253.54, $500.00 in petty cash and $679,140.34 in the Banner Bank checking account and $452,641.00 due from other accounts for a balance of $4,483,534.88. The budget report was then reviewed showing taxes collected during May total $50,471.26. $6,510.43 was Fire Med collections, with total ambulance revenue collected at $253,343.21 and $104,179.71 collected from GEMT for total Ambulance Service Fee Revenue of $364,033.35. Maintenance Service Fees collected during May total $2,500.00. Grant funds during May total $967,058.27. $677,058,27 of this was for the apprenticeship grant, $255,000.00 was received from Amazon and $35,000.00 was received from the State Fire Marshal’s Office for the summer seasonal program. $1,500.00 was collected in Intergovernmental Agreement funds. No fire suppression was collected in May. $1,190.00 was received in training income. Miscellaneous revenue of $7,687.12 was collected in May. No other revenue was received during the month. Total revenue collected during the month of May was $1,394,440.00. For expenses, $788,232.70 was spent on Personal Services. Materials and Services expended in May totaled $330,992.03. $1,591.42 was spent on the General Fund Capital Outlay fund in May. The bank transaction report was reviewed next. Multiple transactions were reviewed with May expenses totaling $1,139,840.92. The final report reviewed was the Reserve Fund Account that shows a balance of $155,062.26. Director Whelan moved to pay May general fund expenses in the amount of $1,139,840.92. Director Marcum seconded this. A roll call resulted in a unanimous vote. Motion passed.

***Communications:***

Director Marcum reported that the golf tournament was successful with a record amount of money raised. He also reported that plans and preparation are ramping up for Stanfield’s 4th of July celebration.

***Chief’s Report:***

See the attached report. The district responded to 489 calls in May with an average of 16 calls per shift.

***Old Business:***

Station Alerting

Systems: Chief Davis has received some quotes on installing the electrical for this. The one quote received was extremely high (approximately $80,000.00). He is continuing to look for a less expensive option.

Capital funding needs: Chief Stanton has received the information back from David Ulbrecht on the $1,000,000.00 loan needed to finish Station 21. The cost per year will be approximately $135,000.00 at a rate of 5 percent. A resolution will be presented at next month’s board meeting to move forward with this funding.

***New Business:***

Contingency Resolution:

Resolution 2024 – 2025

#6: This resolution was presented and read. This resolution better balances out the funds that exceeded their budgeted amounts. Director Marcum moved to adopt Resolution 2024 – 2025 #6. This was seconded by Director Silaski. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval to adopt Resolution 2024 – 2025 #6.

Resolution to appropriate,

impose and categorize

Taxes: Resolution

2024 – 2025 #7: The resolution was presented and read. This resolution adopts the budget for year 2025 – 2026. Director Whelan questioned the address that the budget was being posted. Clerk Larson changed the address to Station 23. With this change, Director Marcum moved to adopt Resolution 2024 - 2025 #7. This was seconded by Director Hawman. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval to adopt Resolution 2024 – 2025 #7.

Summer BBQ funding: Whitney secured the aquatic center on August 1 from 5 – 9 pm. Director Whelan moved to contribute up to $2000.00 towards the cost of the aquatic center. This was seconded by Director Marcum. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Out of District fires: Director Hawman spoke with Randy Rupp regarding the fire on his property recently. He has bad feelings overall towards fire departments. He is not willing to meet with the district. The board would like Chief Stanton to pursue some boundary line adjustments that may help stop fires in this area. The district has the right to annex property within 7 miles of our boundaries. Chief Stanton will bring back a proposed boundary change that makes sense to our personnel when fighting a fire in this area.

**Board Member Comments:**

Director Sherman asked if the recent fires could all be attributed to bird strikes or lightning or if there is a fire bug in the area setting fires. Chief Stanton is confident that there is not a person setting fires.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1957.