



MINUTES  
YAMHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
275 South Olive, Yamhill, Oregon  
January 13, 2025

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1830 with the pledge of allegiance

**Roll Call**

President Jim Phillips  
Vice President Jon Peasley  
Secretary Josh Brown  
Board Member Paul Van De Grift

Vacancy  
Treasurer

**Board member appointment**

Jim opened with wanting to do a board member appointment. There were 4 applicants, 1 backed out. All applications were sent to the County Clerk's office for approval. All were approved. Volunteer Chris Featherston, Interim Chief Joe Moore and Board President Jim Phillips met with each applicant and went through 20 questions. Chris presented the Board with the results of those interviews. She even touched on the policy about appointing a new board member.

A citizen stated that there is an Oregon statute that was violated with holding the interviews. Jon said that according to the "Ethics Commission" Joe cannot be involved in the process of selecting a board member as that is his supervisor. Jon continued to read an SDAO statement.

Jim said that they will hold another meeting for all board members to discuss the applicants.

**Board Statements**

**Jon**-last month when we voted to except the minutes, 50% of the board have to vote. On reporting minutes from December-both side of the communication have to be addressed in the minutes or else ORS is being violated.

On finances-he stated that his complaint about the finances were that the checks were not available at the time of the board meeting. He advised that he was called by Phillips the next day about checks being ready. He said that there was an inaccuracy on one of the checks that has since been corrected. On 12/13 there was a cash check made out for the Christmas breakfast, but no vote on it. According to Jon, that is in violation of the SDAO due to no approval of the board. Jim said that the \$500 was for change and went back into the bank account on Monday following the breakfast.

Jon also addressed the interim chief regarding work being done to BR42 and there was no mention of what was done.

Jon stated that the District was over budget by \$16000 in professional services. Wants to know how that is being compensated. Jon said that Jim called the attorney to discuss the recall, but there was no conversation with the board about that phone call and that is determined to be personal. Jon stated that he had called the attorney and found out directly from him. Jim said that there is no bill from the attorney showing that he made a personal call. Jim said that due to the accusations, they are now heading for an executive session. Jim said that he will schedule an appointment with the lawyer and schedule an executive session.

### **Public Presentation**

None

### **Public Comment/ Volunteer comment**

Citizen wanted to know why the chief's position has not been posted yet and when is it going to happen? She said that they are going to continue to call board members out when she thinks there is a violation. She said that an ethics complaint was filed with the state.

Rocky said that Jim said Public Hearing and discussed the definition of it and that it should be public comment, not hearing.

Roseanna Schmidt presented a Public Records request to Joe Moore. She stated that the time it took them to complete her public records request that she filed a complaint with the ethics committee.

### **Previous Months Minutes**

The December minutes were reviewed.

Paul made a motion to approve December minutes. Jim seconded the motion. Paul, Jim voted yes. Jon voted nay. Josh said that he was unsure if he was allowed to vote on them since he wasn't there. Jon said that there are corrections that needed to be made, but wasn't sure what the corrections were. December minutes will be tabled until February.

### **Financial Report**

Jon was handed the checks and then asked if anybody else had looked through them. Jon noted that the check for Carlton Corners did not match the Excel spreadsheet that was presented. Susan showed that the Excel spreadsheet was incorrect, but the check was correct.

Motion was made by Josh Brown and seconded by Paul to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Chief's Report**

Interim Chief Joe Moore presented the chief's report.

### **Safety Meeting Report**

No Report

### **Officer's Meeting Report**

No report

### **Strategic Planning Meeting Report**

No Report

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

Jim said that the Public Info request form and policy needs to be updated.

Meisel Rock has asked about using the upstairs for a CPR/First Aid class. Jim asked if any board members had an issue with them using the building.

Jim also said that it is recognized that there is an issue with building security and that it needs to be looked at. And to also look at getting the camera program back up to what it used to be. He suggested getting some bids to bring to the February board meeting. Jon also inquired about how long do you have to hold video for. Jon thinks it's about 6 months.

Paul brought up concerns about the tent being open wide. It was suggested to possibly pull the doors down and zip tie them. Joe said that they will look at it.

### **Committee Report**

There is no safety committee report

### **Good of the Order**

A meeting has been scheduled for 1/15 at 0700 to work on getting the board member situated. This will be a public meeting. There will be no public comment allowed.

### **Announcements**

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made at 1927 by Josh Brown to adjourn, seconded by Jon Peasley. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be January 15, 2025 followed by February 10, 2025