

HARBOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023

Chair Andy Gagliardo called the monthly meeting of the Harbor Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 6:01pm on Monday, September 11, 2023. Those in attendance were board members Chair Andy Gagliardo, Director Cusumano, Director St. James, Director McClintock, Chief McClintock, Secretary Pearson, three guests and five firefighters. Vice President Bengali had an excused absence, as he was deployed on an assignment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Cusumano made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 11, 2023 meeting. Director St. James seconded. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

Director St. James made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2023 board meeting. Director McClintock seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIALS

Director Cusumano made a motion to approve the August financials. Director McClintock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board members left at 6:04pm to go into a special session to discuss Chief McClintock's old contract and returned to the meeting at 6:15pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

1 – President Gagliardo reported from the executive session that the Chief's contract expired May 1, 2023. The Board discussed the contract and proposed to allow the Chief to continue work without a contract, if also agreed upon by the Chief. President Gagliardo emphasized that the current time, the Board is very satisfied with Chief McClintock's performance. Director Cusumano made a motion to allow the Chief to continue working without a contract, and to add an amendment that if either the Chief wishes to leave, or the Board decides to replace the Chief, either option would require clear communication of intent with reasonable and sufficient notice. Director St. James seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Chief McClintock presented several cards from the community that were received this past month, thanking the Harbor firefighters for saving their homes, treating patients with respect, and for all the hard work put forth on various other fires in the district and in neighboring communities. Chief McClintock said the department has never received so many thank you cards, and he attributes it, in large part, to the Harbor firefighting staff's increased presence in the public eye and doing more outreaches. The Chief took a few minutes to pay tribute to Lee Nelson, a good friend and fallen firefighter, who worked to raise money to buy Smokey Bear dolls and deliver to kids who lost parents in the 9-11 tragedy.

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REPORTS:

Harbor Rural Fire Association Report:

President Amber Winegarden held an association meeting prior to the board meeting on 9/11/23. The association is starting to plan the annual Trunk or Treat event. President Winegarden requested that all the “new” jackets be brought in to get names added to them. The association also will, for the first time, sponsor a family from the community for Christmas.

Chief’s Report:

Chief McClintock reported the run stats for August. There were 54 calls, of which 16 were Fire, 19 were medical, 3 MVA, 5 Public Assist and 11 False Calls.

Chief thanked Firefighters Robert Arnold and Mike Lancaster for their help on the Crown Terrace structure fire. He said in his career, that house fire was in the top 10 most difficult fires. The Chief reported working with the county to try to make sprinkler systems a requirement for homes without accessible water supply.

There will be a budget meeting held soon to discuss progress with the Harbor Fire budget, grants and other revenues.

Chief McClintock reiterated that we are keeping as much money in the LGIP account as possible and only drawing out small amounts at a time to cover monthly expenses so as to take advantage of the interest earned from that account.

Chief asked the Board for permission to do some research and evaluation of banks other than Umpqua for general banking operations. A proposal will be presented at the next board meeting for a vote.

Chief McClintock welcomed new Harbor firefighter, Angelique Ell, who also works for Winchuck Fire District. Chief McClintock also wanted to specifically thank Firefighter Tony Morton for stepping up to the plate in running calls, as well as Firefighters Andy Gagliardo, Jennice Winegarden, Robert Arnold, Chief Lancaster, David Lancaster and Angelique Ell.

With the wildland firefighters on deployment, the wildland grant funds, and therefore, grant work, will be stretched out further into October.

Work on the Fire Capacity grant continues to go very well, and courtesy inspections are being done in coordination with the Oregon State Fire Marshal. Chief McClintock emphasized that Harbor Fire is not issuing citations, but is providing these courtesy inspections to help businesses be ready for the actual inspection.

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Chief McClintock reported on the deployments to the O'Brien Creek Fire and the Tye Complex. He expects to net about \$7,000 on the O'Brien Creek Fire and roughly \$60,000 on the Tye Complex. The Type 3 and Type 6 have been on both fires, staffed with two firefighters on Type 6 and three firefighters on Type 3. The Type 3 gets paid at \$3890/day and the Type 6 is paid at \$2,600 a day. Chief McClintock is very pleased that his vision for making the department money through deployments is finally a reality, and he is very proud of the firefighters doing such a great job on the assignments.

Chief McClintock spoke about plans to go to New York for the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting. He was also nominated by the NVFC to be a representative on NFPA for personal protective equipment.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS: Director McClintock expressed her excitement over all the great things happening at Harbor Fire. President Gagliardo expressed the same, and also wanted to congratulate Firefighter Tony Morton for doing an outstanding job. President Gagliardo thanked all the other firefighters as well who stepped up and were available to help cover the district.

FINAL AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Firefighter Tony Morton thanked Firefighters Jennice Winegarden and Robert Arnold for their willingness to and reliability in helping to cover district calls. Chief McClintock thanked the Board for all their support and the great job they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Gagliardo adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm. Next board meeting will be Tuesday, **October 10** at 6pm at 98069 W. Benham Lane in Harbor.