

**Board of Directors
Minutes**

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2013

Pursuant to the proper public notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Klamath County Fire District No. 1 was held at the Central Fire Station, 143 N Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Members Present: Gloria Storey, President
Bill Gourley, Vice President
Rod Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Tom Ludlow, Director

Members Absent: Mike Jones, Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Storey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Storey led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Vice President Gourley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Shane Malone, President, Local 890 – The Insurance Committee met and has a recommendation without the full support for multiple reasons. Over the years, we have jumped insurance, and I still object to it today. Over time, people quit bidding on you, which is what happening to us now. One of the options will save us \$70,000. We did this in the past where we changed insurance and did the reimbursement program. I pulled the 2006 Audit and the cost for that reimbursement program was \$80,931, which is more than we can save this time. The Local also feels that this change is going to be a contract violation due to the fact that the contract specifically states you cannot reduce our benefits for the term of this contract. That's all I really wanted to say before you make your decision on this.

5. Executive Session: The Board of Directors adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02pm under section 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The Board of Directors reconvened to Regular Session at 7:16pm.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the April 16th Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice President Gourley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

b. Approval of the May 8th Special Meeting Minutes

Secretary-Treasurer Green made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Vice President Gourley, carried unanimously.

7. Ratification of Bills

a. Ratification of the April 2013 Bills

Vice President Gourley made a motion to ratify the April 2013 bills, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

8. Financial Reports

a. April 2013 Report

Phil Hull presented the monthly financial report. He reported that Revenue is at 90.1% for the fiscal year, with 83% of the fiscal year elapsed. Total Expenditures are at 88.8%. President Storey and Director Ludlow asked a few questions regarding taxes received so far for the fiscal year. Phil continued through the report. The Operations Division is currently 89.4% expended. Prevention is at 79.3%, Administration is at 87.9%, Training is at 46.8%, and Hazardous Materials is at 87.4%. President Storey asked Phil if he had projected expenditures for the month of May. He said that May will be a little difficult to predict due to the decline in overtime. Phil indicated that he is still looking into setting up a line of credit. Vice President Gourley made a motion to accept the April 2013 Financial Report, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

9. Old Business

a. Update on CoGen Contract

Chief Keady presented an update on the CoGen contract. He is continuing to move forward with establishing a multi-year contract. President Storey encouraged Chief Keady to have a contract for next month's Board meeting.

b. Update on County Property Swap

The update on this item scheduled for the May 14th Commissioners Meeting was removed prior to the meeting. The county is currently looking at all their properties to determine their next step. Chief Wenzel indicated that another meeting will be scheduled during a work session to determine what the County's intentions are.

10. New Business

a. Resolution 13-05 PERS

Vice President Gourley made a motion to read Resolution 13-05 by title only, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously. Stacy Brainard read the resolution by title. This is a Resolution to change the funding of each employee's Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) six percent (6%) employee contribution from "Employer" to "Employee". Secretary-Treasurer Green made a motion to accept Resolution 13-05, seconded by Vice President Gourley, carried unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2013-2014 Health Insurance Recommendation

Director Ludlow gave a brief report from the Health Insurance Committee meetings. He gave a background on how the Insurance Committee came to the recommendation to change to insurance to Regence. This would be a savings of about \$70,000. This would include establishing a Medical Expense Reimbursement Program (MERP). Director Ludlow went on to discuss the differences between the two plan options. He indicated that the Union could not support any change in plans because of their interpretation of the contract. Director Ludlow indicated that the people who voted for this change did so because their interpretation was that it is the Insurance Committee's job to review all competing insurance offers and recommend to the Board of Directors what is the best offer in their mind for the Board's consideration. The Union contract is not in the venue of the committee to consider. The committee's decision was made basically on what they thought was the best offer.

The Board then extensively discussed the two options available, and the language in the Union contract. After much discussion, President Storey called for a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Health Insurance Committee recommendation to switch from ODS to Regence. Vice President Gourley made a motion, seconded by Director Ludlow. President Storey declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

11. Informational Reports

Administration

a. April Web Site Statistics

The Board reviewed the April web site statistics.

b. Thank You Letter(s) Received

There were five letters received over the past month.

c. Fire Chief's Community Activity Memo

Chief Wenzel presented his monthly activity report. He commented that the Klamath County 911 Advisory Committee is considering merging with the Interoperability Committee, since both committees are made up of primarily the same people.

d. Other reports of the Fire Chief

There were no other reports of the Fire Chief.

Operations

a. Incident Activity through April 30, 2013

The Board reviewed the Incident Activity report through the first four months of the year. Chief Spradley reported that the run volume seems to be evening out with this time last year.

b. Operations Chief Community Activity Memo

Chief Spradley presented his monthly activity report. He gave a brief report on the status of the Forest Land Classification meetings. He reported that ODF has removed the fringe lots from paying the fees. Chief Spradley also reported that Cole Van Essen and Cory Curtis were promoted to the rank of Captain, effective May 1, 2013.

Training/Ambulance

a. May Training Calendar

The Board reviewed the training calendar for the month of May.

b. April Training Statistics

Chief Keady reported that, due to the new recruits, the number of training hours is actually more than what was projected for the month.

c. Training Chief Community Activity Memo

The Board did not have any questions on Chief Keady's monthly report.

d. April EMS Billing Reports

Chief Keady indicated that he has spoken with Phil Hull and the auditor Rob Moody regarding writing off anything that is sent to collections. Per Mr. Moody, this would be his recommendation. President Storey still has concerns on the consistency of the billing aging report.

Prevention

a. Fire Marshal Community Activity Memo

Chief Rice was not present at the meeting. The Board did not have any questions on his report.

President Storey commented that the Budget Committee made reference to the negative way the Fire District has been portrayed in the media recently. She would like to see Administration work with the Herald and News to educate the public on what a day in the Fire District is like. She would like to see more aggressive public relations.

12. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 8:17pm to Executive Session.

13. Executive Session: *Under section 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Klamath County Fire District No. 1 Board of Directors will be at the Central Fire Station, 143 N. Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS SIGNATURES

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

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DIRECTOR