

**Board of Directors
Minutes**

Special Meeting

April 29, 2009

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

Members Present: Gloria Storey, President
Alan Scott, Vice President
Rod Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Harrigan, Director

Members Absent: Rich Schuster, 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 Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Secretary-Treasurer Green, seconded by Vice President Scott, carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Action Items

a. Approval to combine the General Fund and the Ambulance Fund

Attorney Gourley reported that he has researched the applicable statues regarding combining these two funds. He also spoke with Sandy King at the Oregon Department of Revenue. She agreed that the District can do away with the Ambulance Enterprise Fund. It must remain on the books until everything zeros out. In addition, a line must be put in the 2009-2010 Budget Message that the Ambulance Enterprise Fund has been done away with and ambulance expenses and revenues will now be included in the General Fund. Attorney Gourley also commented that the Oregon Department of Revenue's recommendation is to begin this with a new fiscal year, instead of mid-way through a fiscal year.

President Storey asked if the District would still have separate accounting of the ambulance. Chief Wenzel reported that it would be just like Prevention, Suppression, Training, etc. The income itself is not going to be separated from the General Fund. Chief Wenzel recommended that it would be tracked separately so that the District could see the value of the ambulance services to the District.

President Storey asked if the District does this, would the District lose control of going for an ambulance tax in the future. Chief Wenzel said that it should not affect this. Vice President Scott asked if the District could still charge the rates that we were charging before this recommended change. President Storey replied yes. Vice President Scott commented that there are a lot of people

in the District that are against the ambulance due to the loss. He is concerned with the public perception of combining these two funds.

President Storey commented that the District has had a hard time pinpointing the personnel expenses related to the ambulance. Vice President Scott asked if other agencies have combined funds. Chief Wenzel reported that it is the national model with combined departments to have joint funds. Most combined departments cannot afford to have separate funds. Attorney Gourley commented that the District could go back to separate funds in the future if we decided it was necessary.

After much discussion, a motion to combine the Ambulance Fund and the General Fund beginning with the 2009-2010 budget year was made by Director Harrigan, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

6. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 7:20PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Klamath County Fire District No. 1 Board of Directors will be at The Center for Occupational Health, 2621 Crosby Ave., on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS SIGNATURES

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY / TREASURER

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