

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 4 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon

Public attendance also available via Telephonic access

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Joshua Williams
 Director Deb Barnes
 Director Greg Dyke
 Director Deb Garner

Director Bobby Meyer
 Director Rick Olmsted
 Admin Assistant Emily Murphy

CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

President Bobby Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. All present.

Director	In attendance
Barnes	Present
Dyke	Present via online
Meyer	Present
Olmsted	Present

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Olmsted asked a couple of questions regarding checks from CCOM, which is our dispatch, Special Districts Insurance, and Carlson Testing Inc. Chief Williams and Admin Murphy answered his questions. Following discussion, President Meyer called for a motion.

A motion was made by Director Barnes to approve the consent agenda for the month of June 2023. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted. All In favor, passed unanimously.

Roll call vote for approving consent agenda:

Director	Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Olmsted	Yes
Result: 4-0 in favor, passed unanimously	

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Chief Williams just wanted to let the Board know that he has received several emails from neighboring fire agencies thanking AFD for their assistance at a barn fire in Canby last week and also for assistance with our crews in Woodburn over 4th of July.

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE: No report.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets):

1. Chief has requested a few different options for loans and is hoping to have the proposals at the August meeting. Special Districts acts as our agent and may have some additional options.
2. New door locks are being installed at the Aurora Station. Not all the locks are changed out, just trying it out. Try to keep your card on you so you can open the doors with it. Engr. Burke secured the grant and is taking care of putting in the locks and the card programming.
3. Chief Corless is at the Devil's Butte Fire near Condon, Oregon on a 72-hour deployment with Engr. Moffett. They should be demobing tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Board members swearing in – Deb Garner, Greg Dyke, and Rick Olmsted.**
- **Board Elections of Officers**

Board Officer Elections opened by President Meyer

- Director Deb Barnes nominated Bobby Meyer for President. Seconded by Director Dyke. No other nominations so moved to vote.

Roll call vote for Director Bobby Meyer as President:

Director	Recorded Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Garner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Olmsted	Yes
Result: 5 – 0, Bobby Meyer re-elected as President	

Director Meyer retains position of President of the Aurora Fire Board

President Meyer continued with the elections and moved to open nominations for Vice President.

- Director Garner nominated Director Greg Dyke as Vice President. Seconded by Director Barnes. No other nominations so moved to vote.

Roll call vote for Director Greg Dyke as Vice President:

Director	Recorded Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Garner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Olmsted	Yes
Result: 5 – 0, Greg Dyke elected as Vice President	

President Meyer moved to open nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

- Director Barnes nominated Director Rick Olmsted as Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Director Dyke. No other nominations so moved to vote.

Roll call vote for Rick Olmsted as Secretary/Treasurer:

Director	Recorded Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Garner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Olmsted	Yes
Result: 5 – 0, Rick Olmsted elected as Secretary/Treasurer	

- **November Election** – Chief Williams reminded the board that since the levy for .99 cents didn't pass in May, he recommends that the board approve a .52 cent increase which would put the total at \$2.35. In perspective, Canby is at \$2.60, and TVF&R is at \$2.11. The idea of 'doubling' previously probably scared a lot of the voters. Discussion regarding the time frame to file. Chief Williams explained that he can file as soon as the Board decides on the ballot title, then the number will be provided in approximately 2 weeks.

A motion was made by Director Barnes to approve \$.52 as presented for the levy in November. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Discussion – Director Olmsted (also Mayor of Donald) let the board know that the City of Donald will be moving forward with a ballot for a flat rate for police coverage in November. No further discussion. All were in agreement to move forward with the vote.

Roll call vote to approve \$.52 as presented for the levy in November.

Director	Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Garner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Olmsted	Yes
Result: 5-0 in favor, passed unanimously	

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discovery Study** – Chief Williams stated that he has initiated meetings with TVF&R and Canby, but we are really in the early stages so he will have more information at the next meeting.
- **Fire Station Update** – Assistant Chief Corless joined online from Condon where he was deployed for conflagration to update everyone on the status of the fire station / site work / bids, etc. He said 80% drawings were provided by EMB Monday or Tuesday. Has sent to Lt. Hansen regarding the electrical and communication portion to ensure everything is adequate for the new station. Also said he has 2 septic bids at \$40k and \$42k so he will

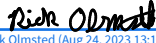
present and move forward with those at the next meeting for approval. He got the DEQ login, so now Sisul can do the 1200-C filings, get the permit, and start the work and tearing up soil on Ehlen Road. Turned time over to Orangewall, but neither Gary nor Marc had seen the drawings so AC Corless will email them at the end of the meeting. Additional discussion regarding the recommendation for subgrade underneath the foundation to keep it from 'moving' and validating the deflection criteria with the Geotech engineer. Marc from Orangewall stated that the overall budgetary number that was just received today for the site work portion is \$3 million. They are making some conservative assumptions. He explains that this carries a 5% design contingency, a 5% construction contingency, and a 3% escalation so some numbers will come down. AC Corless asked President Meyer if the board should take action regarding a formal direction regarding extending the date of delivery to March and keys turned over in April. Chief Williams said we could get a consensus from the Board, let Patrick (from EMB) know the plan, then renew the contract with the updated dates. Orangewall also needs to have their contract revised with the dates for the design and site work to match the building delivery. All board members were in agreement to get the contracts revised /updated.

In addition – Chief Williams would like to request approval for a letter to be written and approved on behalf of the Board reaching out to the County Commissioners to ask for ARPPA or other funds from Marion County. Director Barnes asked if there is an option to try for money from Clackamas, but President Meyer said he's already spoken to a Clackamas representative and AFD would not likely get anything since the building is going to be in Marion County, not Clackamas. Chief Williams explained that this is the same \$67 million they were recommended to try and get before and it has now sat collecting interest for the past year. These funds are not for a building, only for infrastructure, which is what the district is in need of at this point. All were in agreement regarding moving forward with the letter.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Time: 7 pm
Location: Donald Fire Station

**Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Director Olmsted, seconded by Director Barnes.
All in favor.**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm

Approved:  / 24/08/2023
Rick Olmsted (Aug 24, 2023 13:16 PDT)
Rick Olmsted, Board Secretary/Treasurer *Date*