

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2023 at 7 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon

Public attendance also available via Telephonic access

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief Joshua Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Daroll Nicholson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Deb Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Rick Olmsted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Greg Dyke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Admin Assistant Emily Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Bobby Meyer		

CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

President Bobby Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present.

President Meyer asked for a moment of silence to honor the life of Mike Koenig, a longtime volunteer who had recently passed.

Director	In attendance
Barnes	Present
Dyke	Present
Meyer	Present
Nicholson	Present
Olmsted	Present

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Director Olmsted has some items to add at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote for approving the consent agenda:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Chief let everyone know that there are some thank you notes on the board for anyone who wants to see them.

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Resident Volunteer Jonathon Juker reported regarding the preparations that were made for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The volunteers dyed 1,000 eggs and filled over 2,000 plastic eggs. The event was well attended, and everyone in the community seemed to have an enjoyable time. The Bingo Night is coming up in June and there are many prizes being added daily, as well as possibly a silent auction. Chief Corless added that several Walmart stores that closed in Multnomah County have contributed various items. Director Nicholson had him clarify the stores closed were in Portland.

Chief Williams also wanted to invite everyone to the Annual Banquet, which is scheduled to be held on June 3rd at Top Golf again. Tried to get a bowling alley but nothing big enough was available. There is also a block of hotel rooms at Embassy Suites with a discount for anyone with the Aurora Fire District. Lastly, the Annual Picnic will be sometime in September.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets): No questions. President Meyer reiterated again that he really appreciates the A Shift Board Reports with the colored photos.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Appoint Budget Officer** – President Bobby Meyer asked for a motion to appoint Fire Chief Williams as the Budget Officer.

A motion was made by Director Nicholson to appoint Chief Williams as the Budget Officer as presented. Motion seconded by Director Dyke.

Roll call vote to appoint Chief Williams as Budget Officer:

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

- **Approve surplus equipment** – Chief Williams requested that the surplus item be approved by the board as presented.

A motion was made by Director Barnes to approve the surplus item. Motion seconded by Director Dyke.

Roll call vote to approve the surplus item as presented:

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

- **Levy advocacy** – Chief Williams passed out the first 6 pages of the Secretary of State Restrictions on Political Advocacy. He's had a few questions about what can be said or done by public officials and employees. He also posted a flyer that gives notice to all public employees that work here as to what they can and not do. As long as they are not on duty or representing the district, they can advocate for the board. He also gave some examples. For anyone interested, he can get you the link. There is a flyer that will be going out to provide facts about the levy. There will also be 2 town halls coming up: May 2nd in Aurora and May 4th in Donald. It will be posted tomorrow on the website and on all social media.

President Meyer thanked that board again for allowing himself and the Chief to advocate on certain items regarding the firefighters and volunteers. He spoke to George Dunkel at Special Districts regarding getting permission to write a letter to both papers (Canby Herald and Woodburn Independent) regarding being in favor of the levy. He is allowed to do so as a citizen but not representing the board. He asked that the board give him authorization to do so.

A motion was made by Director Nicholson to authorize President Meyer to write a letter to publish in the newspapers as presented. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Roll call vote to authorize President Meyer to write a letter as presented:

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

Chief Williams – Added that he went to Newport on Friday to testify but unfortunately didn't get the opportunity. Chief Corless will be going to Roseburg on Friday. The final is in Ontario next Friday, but no one will be able to make that one. The hearing will be on the 5th where they will listen to the capital construction requests and give each exactly 2 minutes to present. Chief Williams stated that is where he plans to make the biggest pitch. President Meyer added that he was able to submit a copy of the letter he was going to use as 'written testimony' and thanked Administrative Assistant Emily Murphy for taking care of getting that ready for him. Director Barnes asked for clarification of who had submitted written testimony. President Meyer did, Chief Williams did not, but Chief Corless will if he is not able to give his oral presentation in Roseburg.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station Construction update** – Chief Corless shared that this week he received the 50% drawing, which includes all the electrical and is currently being reviewed. Another meeting on May 1st with Orangewall to review further. At the meeting last week, went over the site design and are finalizing that. Waiting for calculations regarding whether the district will be required to apply for water rights or just dig a domestic well. Going out for bids for the septic so that can get designed and ready to go during the summer. Lastly, the color palettes are available and there are 3 options, which he shared with the board for review.

Director Barnes asked about the timeframe for color selection. Chief said probably pretty quickly. She commented that the darker color would have fewer issues with the moss look and asked if the public was going to help make the decision. Suggested that community involvement might get them more excited about the project, and may even help with the levy. Chief said they will wait to see how the colors look on an actual rendering of the Aurora Fire Station to make a decision and take the board's comments into consideration.

Director Olmsted – On behalf of the City of Donald, he wanted to thank the Aurora Fire District for allowing the use of the building for their meeting. Congresswoman Andrea Salinas and USDA Secretary for Rural Development came. He stated that 18 cities were hosted with mayors, council members, or administrators and they discussed public funding.

Next item, Donald Industrial Park is half built out. Where does the district get involved in the process? Chief Williams said that it will go to the Fire Marshal of the State. The district doesn't get directly involved.

There will be a lunch at the next meeting since it will start during the noon hour. Chief asked for suggestions and everyone agreed to Roxy's Island Grill (Hawaiian BBQ).

Director Dyke –Just wanted to let everyone know that he was listed in Marion County for the upcoming election, but it was not shared with Clackamas. There was some confusion since Marion County lost some people in elections this past year, so they are looking into it. Everyone running is listed in Marion County along with the levy The levy is listed in the Clackamas voter's pamphlet.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Budget Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Time: noon
Location: Aurora Fire Station

Regular Meeting: May 17th, 2023 directly after the budget meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

Approved: Deb Barnes 15-17-2023
Deb Barnes, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date