

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Joshua Williams
 Director Bobby Meyer
 Director Daroll Nicholson
 Director Rick Olmsted

Director Greg Dyke
 Director Deb Barnes
 Admin Assistant Emily Murphy

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call

President Bobby Meyer called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. All present.

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote for approving consent agenda:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – None

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Resident Volunteer, Maxwell Cameron, reminded everyone that the Annual Banquet will be at Topgolf on Saturday, June 3rd. He also shared that the City of Donald has waived the fee to hang the banner for Bingo Night, which will be at the Donald Station on Saturday, June 24th.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets): No comments

NEW BUSINESS

- **Appropriation of funds – Resolution 2023-02**

President Meyer read the resolution in its entirety. Motion to approve by Director Olmsted. Seconded by Director Dyke.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution 2023-02 as presented:

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

- **ESCI Presentation** – Richard Curtis presented PowerPoint regarding the Final Report for the Aurora Fire District Long-range Master Plan. Following the presentation, President Meyer expressed his concern that the information provided did not include the improvements/additions of the CCOM dispatch, new C-800 radios, CAD, and other systems that have been implemented since 2020. Lt. Tim Gloy also stated his frustrations that the numbers do not seem accurate to actual response times as someone who actually responded. Mr. Curtis agreed to collect more recent data for response times at no additional cost and present that to the board once he has a chance to calculate those numbers.

- **May 16th election discussion** – Chief Williams stated that the current numbers are not in favor of the levy passing and that it was time for him to state something to the Board that he had not thought would be something he would ever have to say; however, desperate times call for desperate measures. He referenced the ESCI Master Plan as well as the SDAO Study that found this district is in financial trouble, will be at a pivotal point if the levy doesn't pass, and asked the Board to consider an exploratory feasibility study with TVF&R (Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue). He also said it is a possibility that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Donald and Aurora for the Board to consider a 'Contract for Services,' not a merge. He explained that this would look at cost, options, and benefits. Director Barnes and Director Olmsted agreed that a study would provide information for the future and what is available as options, especially considering and depending on the election results. Director Meyer and Director Dyke expressed they are not ready to support a study at this time and would like to try for another levy in November before making a decision. The idea was postponed for now.

