

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon

Public attendance also available via Telephonic access

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Joshua Williams
 Director Deb Barnes
 Director Greg Dyke
 Director Bobby Meyer

Director Daroll Nicholson
 Director Rick Olmsted
 Admin Assistant Emily Murphy

CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

President Bobby Meyer called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. All present.

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Selection of Architect (Chief Williams and Assistant Chief Corless)**

This process involved 5 applications, which were reviewed by the panel of Chief Williams, Director Deb Barnes, and Director/President Bobby Meyer. The top 3 were then invited to provide actual bids/quotes. Of those 3, presentations were given and one was chosen as the top with another as runner up:

Orangewall – Utilizes local, in-depth proposal, but most expensive bid at \$198K

Mackenzie – Lowest bid, but found out they hadn't considered fire pump room = double fee. Went from \$74K to \$150 right off, with no real landscape plan either, only grass. Additional changes and lack of detail will lead to more expenses down the road.

The recommendation as top bid is for Orangewall, with second place being Mackenzie. Discussion was had regarding the detail of the bids, as well as lack of for the one. The range was from \$74K up to \$198K; however, the highest bid also had the most areas covered, with some being able to be reduced since there are geotechnical traffic studies that don't need to be done – reducing the bid immediately by \$8k. Overall, President Meyer was impressed with how thorough Orangewall was and how that would cause less 'change orders' which in turn would save money. They had clearly done their homework and provided a very impressive presentation. Recommended a motion for Orangewall to be approved by the Board as the primary candidate, Mackenzie as the follow up if the negotiations don't go well. There is room

for more deductions and they were willing to take the amounts 'off the bottom line' instead of through the various subcontractors. Director Dyke was concerned about the runaround they gave during the construction of the driveway, but is willing to approve if they will be more actively involved this time around. Director Meyer assured Director Dyke that this will not be a problem as they had done the most homework, even contacting Extreme Portable Buildings for additional clarification.

Director Nicholson also had some additional questions regarding the finances and Chief Williams let him know that it has been budgeted for, so the money is there and accounted for in order to allow for this part of the process. Director Meyer also explained some of the avenues he's been going through to help secure additional funds through the legislature, and other governmental matters in Marion and Clackamas counties that might provide opportunity for funding. Overall, the consensus of the board was that they need to do this right, which may mean spending the money to 'get what you pay for' in this situation. Director Barnes added that Orangewall actually included the fire pump room, as well as planning for potential needs for the future for the Aurora Fire District. Following additional discussion and agreement, President Meyer asked if everyone was ready to call for a motion.

A motion was made by Director Greg Dyke to approve Orangewall as the primary Architect as presented, Mackenzie as scndary. Motion seconded by Director Daroll Nicholson.

Roll call vote to approve Orangewall primary Architect as presented, Mackenzie as secondary, with Chief to negotiate:

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023
 Time: 7 pm
 Location: Donald Fire Station

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Director, seconded by - All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

Approved: Deb Barnes / 2-15-23
 Deb Barnes, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date