

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon & via Video Conference

Public attendance and participation via Telephonic access

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Joshua Williams
 Director Daroll Nicholson
 Director Bobby Meyer

Director Paul Ranta
 Director Fred Hartley
 Admin Assistant Emily Murphy

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Daroll Nicholson. Pledge of Allegiance performed.

ROLL CALL – taken by Admin. Assistant, Emily Murphy

Director	In attendance
Hartley	Present
Meyer	Present
Nicholson	Present
Ranta	Present

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Meyer to approve the consent agenda for the month of August. The motion was seconded by Director Ranta.

Discussion: Director Hartley requested the Agenda for September be corrected; the header date listed 'August.' Admin Assistant Emily Murphy agreed to make the correction before the minutes for September are submitted to vote on next board meeting.

Roll call vote to accept the Consent Agenda:

Director	Recorded Vote
Hartley	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Result: Consent Agenda for August passed unanimously	

PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR QUESTIONS – Waited a minute for anyone via telephone to comment.

Jon Montgomery wanted to thank the board for their support of allowing the Fire Chief to donate the fire engine to Idanha-Detroit, and to the Chief for his decision. Dawn Depner concurred.

President’s Message – President Nicholson took a moment to express appreciation and gratitude for the Volunteers for the great barbeque / annual picnic. He also wanted to personally thank all of the Aurora District, volunteers, firefighters, the staff, for everything that was done during the recent wildfires. He requested a few seconds of silence in memory of those who lost their homes, business, and towns.

Director Meyer – Most were aware that one of the Detroit FF’s homes burned down when he was out fighting the fires. Engine 926 has been put to good use there and they are out there wearing the t-shirts and other items that were sent to assist them. All the citizens of this district should be proud of the service provided by our leaders and crew.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Appointment of new board member**

Director Meyer moved to appoint Marc Anderson to the open board vacancy, effective immediately, and that Dawn Depner be ‘held in reserve.’ The motion was seconded by Director Ranta.

Roll call vote for appointment of Marc Anderson to Board

Director	Recorded Vote
Hartley	No
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Result: 3 – 1, Marc Anderson voted in as Board Director	

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wildland Fire response** – Chief Williams gave a report, stating every unit has been going non-stop since Monday, September 7th at one fire or another in various counties around the state, also making sure every road was accessible, and just helping where needed. He said there is a lot still to do, still working throughout the state and federal levels. Aurora District reached level 1 evacuation in Marion County parts of Aurora and Donald, and level 2 for a small area just north, where the Clackamas County side starts. He said this place was full of equipment due to the overwhelming amount of donations sent to help out the firefighters. Amazing show of support from the community and beyond. A special thank you to all the volunteers and their hard work. He continued stating ‘We took care of the community and they took care of us.’

At one point, we had Colton Fire here for approximately 3 days, so they could come in and shower, get some food, cleaned up, and go back out to fight fires on the lines. We had RV's parked on the training grounds, and a family staying at the resident student house for a couple days. That gave a lot of comfort to the firefighter who knew his family was safe and taken care of.' Regarding task forces – there will be a much bigger summary next month, but just overall everyone has been great, supportive, and we're still in it. Lots of tired people, but a lot of very happy people as well.

- **Engine 926 Surplus** – Chief Williams first wanted to remind everyone that this engine had a good 20 years and was ready to be let go. He appreciates the support of the Board to surplus the engine and all the onboard equipment.

Motion by Director Meyer to surplus Engine 926 and all onboard equipment. Director Ranta seconded the motion.

Roll call vote to surplus Engine 926, including all equipment:

Director	Recorded Vote
Hartley	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Anderson	Yes
Result: Surplus Engine 926 and all equipment passed unanimously	

President Nicholson and Director Meyer both thanked Marc Anderson and Dawn Depner for stepping up and being willing to be part of the board again. Dawn (Depner) stated it's especially good to have Marc (Anderson) back on the board.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Video/Telephonic Conference Meeting

Motion by Director Meyer to Adjourn the meeting. Director Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Approved:  10/21/20

Bobby Meyer, Board Secretary/Treasurer