

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon via Video Conference

Public attendance and participation via Telephonic access

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief Joshua Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Paul Ranta
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Daroll Nicholson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Dawn Depner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Bobby Meyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Admin Assistant Emily Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director Marc Anderson		

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Daroll Nicholson. Administrative Assistant is excused due to illness. Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance performed.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Chief Williams added that Director Depner had asked about ‘Skills Pay’ and explained that it is a line item (5100) under ‘Personnel Services’ of the Budget / Chart of Accounts that will need to be updated in accounting for separating out incentive pay (paramedic, for example) vs. base salary. The amounts will be need to be added to that category.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll call vote to accept the Consent Agenda:

Director	Recorded Vote
Anderson	Yes
Depner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Result: Consent Agenda for November 2020 passed unanimously	

PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR QUESTIONS – Waited a minute for anyone via telephone to comment. There was none.

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION UPDATE – Nathan Severson reported that they would be participating in a ‘Holiday Parade in Donald Friday in Donald, ‘Santa Walk’ the week following, and the Awards Banquet in February.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets) – No questions.

President Nicholson asked Chief Williams to explain a little about his 'video' experience with SDAO receiving the Award, which will be presented at the Annual Conference held February 3-4, 2021 virtually. Links will go out via email next week to each board member to register.

Chief also added an update about the massive effect Covid has had on the fire district with positive tests and exposure, so the fire station has been pretty 'locked down' with checking temperatures, wearing masks, and keeping the public out.

Also, regarding covid costs, the CARES Act gave the district up to \$254k to spend on expenses directly related to covid compliance, disinfecting, etc. There will be 2 resolutions presented tonight in regard to those expenditures and the funds received. Air filtration has been added to the student housing, and the volunteer/shift house. There is also a travel trailer that has been purchased for the purpose of quarantining, as well as other expenses upwards of \$100+k, which will be presented for approval in a resolution next month.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2020-04:** Final step to approve the use of Covid Relief Funds received.

A motion was made by Director Meyer to approve and appropriate the funds received from the Cares Act. Motion was seconded by Director Ranta.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution 2020-04 as presented:

Director	Recorded Vote
Anderson	Yes
Depner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Result: Resolution 2020-04 passed unanimously	

- **Resolution 2020-05:** Same as above.

A motion was made by Director Meyer to approve and appropriate the funds received from the Cares Act. Motion was seconded by Director Anderson.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution 2020-05 as presented:

Director	Recorded Vote
Anderson	Yes
Depner	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Ranta	Yes
Result: Resolution 2020-05 passed unanimously	

- **Fire Chief evaluation – Adjourn to Executive Session**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Aurora RFPD will now meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; and 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing. Designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session.

Representatives of the news media and all other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the Board will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the virtual meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN BOARD MEETING. Staff and public were invited back into the Zoom meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION: A one-time merit bonus of 4% has been offered to Fire Chief Williams. For the record, the Board of Directors wanted to state that they are happy with the Chief and all he's done for the District this past year. This agreed-upon amount will be payable immediately as a token of their appreciation.

Motion called to approve the merit bonus offer by the Board to Chief by Director Meyers, motion seconded by Director Ranta.

Vote: All in favor, unanimously approved.


OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion / potential action from joint meeting** – All were in agreement that it was a good meeting and there is more information that will coming in the future. Director Meyer requested a copy of the outline reviewed, and wanted to confirm that his belief is that the districts can definitely work together, but he is not in favor of any kind of merger.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom scheduled for Board members
Public will continue to attend via phone

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Approved: , 1/20/21
Bobby Meyer, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date