

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6 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 6:00 pm. All present.

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

Zoom Meeting with Dusty / Extreme Portable Buildings regarding Station 910

construction: Provided update and drawings with details of architectural plans, including layout and plumbing. Everyone was happy with the most recent status and renderings provided. There are a couple details that will still need to be worked out, including floors, cabinetry, and paint colors. No additional questions of the Board. Final drawings should be completed by Friday of the next week, and then there will be a couple weeks for review.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Director Olmsted will add something prior to conclusion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Director Dyke to approve the consent agenda for the month of January 2023. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Discussion: Director Nicholson had an item that he wanted to point out regarding the checking account. A resident volunteer had signed the wrong side of the check for a housing stipend/reimbursement. The issue was addressed and the District will look to moving all reimbursement checks to direct deposit. Administrative Assistant Emily Murphy will contact the representative at Paychex to get it set up.

With that inquiry resolved, President Meyer moved forward with the vote.

Roll call vote for approving consent agenda:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – None.

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE: President Nathan Severson shared that the next upcoming event will be the Easter Egg Hunt. Those available will help dye the easter eggs on Friday, April 7th and the next day, Saturday, April 8th the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Aurora City Park at 1 pm.

Also, the Annual Bingo event is scheduled for June 24th at the Donald Station 920. More information and details to follow at the next meeting.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets): No questions.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Levy renewal** – Chief Williams presented his case for renewing the levy that will expire in one year. He stated he was looking to make a recommendation to the Board to ask the citizens for more money if it is explained why and how the monies will be spent.

Chief asked them to consider whether the district should ask for the bare minimum, or for what is needed. With the past few years of extreme inflation, and since by Oregon Law the district cannot go for levy any more than 5 years at a time, he recommended an increase of .99 to the current local option tax, which would allow for additional firefighters to be hired. Examples from neighboring agencies were provided for comparison. The permanent rate was capped in 1995 at .83, so an added .51 for the levy would be the minimum and adding .99 would be preferred.

A motion was made by Director Olmsted to approve the Resolution to apply for a measure for the May 16, 2023 election at a rate of \$1.98/1000 beginning July 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Director Nicholson.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution 2023-01 as recommended:

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

- **March meeting** – Since several people will be absent the week of the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 15th, Chief Williams recommended the board consider moving the meeting to the following week on March 22nd.

A motion was made by Director Dyke to approve moving the Regular Board Meeting from March 15th to March 22nd as presented. Motion seconded by Director Barnes.

Roll call vote to move the Board meeting as presented:

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

- **Billing Ordinance update** – Per Assistant Chief Michael Corless, this will be tabled until next month.
- **Advertise for Budget Committee** – Chief Williams reported that there are 4 positions opening for this year's Budget Committee and asked permission to advertise for those vacancies.

A motion was made by Director Dyke to give the Chief permission to advertise for the open Budget Committee positions. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Roll call vote to advertise for Budget Committee vacancies:

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station construction update** – Zoom meeting occurred at the beginning covering this information.

President Bobby Meyer opened the floor to Director Rick Olmsted – As mayor of the City of Donald, he's been meeting with members of congress and the city councils, managers and

both Aurora and Donald mayors. Will be mentioning not only the financial needs of Donald, but also include the financial needs of the Aurora Fire District.

Also, saw the Marion County Elections Page listed vacancies and wanted to know which board position he holds. Confirmed all positions and terms for each.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Time: 7 pm
Location: Donald Fire Station

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Approved: Deb Barnes 3-22-2023
Deb Barnes, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date