

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 21, 2022 at 7 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 7:00 pm. All present.

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Director Barnes to approve the consent agenda for the month of August 2022. Motion seconded by Director Nicholson. All In favor, passed unanimously.

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: Assistant Chief Mike Corless shared that the Annual Picnic was a success. Next event will be Halloween, which is the same night as the next Association meeting. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets): No questions.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Surplus Equipment** – Chief Williams requested the list of surplus equipment items be approved by the board as presented.

A motion was made by Director Nicholson to approve the list of surplus items. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Roll call vote to approve list of surplus equipment as presented:

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

- **Resolution 2022-06 – Formation of a new Joint Commission & Adoption of New Civil Service Rules.** Chief Williams explained the new civil service affiliation includes Woodburn and Aurora and recommends the board adopt the Resolution and appoint commissioners in a separate vote. President Meyer presented Resolution 2022-06, read aloud in its entirety.

A motion was made by Director Dyke to approve Resolution 2022-06 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Nicholson.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution 2022-06 as presented:

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

- **Appoint Civil Service Commissioners** – Chief Williams presented the following for Civil Service Commissioners: Alice Swanson, Kathy Saunders for Woodburn, and Bettyann Arrosmith for Aurora

A motion was made by Director Barnes to approve the Civil Service Commissioners as presented. Motion seconded by Director Olmsted.

Roll call vote to approve Civil Service Commissioners as presented:

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

- **Resolution for next month** – Board President Meyers explained how this resolution will give the Fire Chief the authority to act on behalf of the Board on legislative matters. Chief gave examples of scenarios when and how this would be utilized. This item will be in the packet next month.
- **Conflagration update** – Chief Williams reported that Aurora has participated in 2 conflags at this point. For the McKinney Fire in California, AFD will receive approximately \$40k. Reimbursement for the Brush rig was \$50 per hour, so around \$9k just for apparatus

The other fire is Rum Creek, which is still in progress. He reminded the board that OT on the budget may currently show 25% spent so far this fiscal year, but it will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will apply directly to their respective accounts (personnel, apparatus, etc.). Not to be confused with being a county task force, which is considered mutual aid.

- **Part-time Personnel update** – Assistant Chief Corless gave the report. In July and August, the parttime firefighters provided 46 hours of response. By the end of August, \$13k of the grant had been spent. Expect to be done by the end of October as the total \$35k will be spent. Coverage has been helpful. Assistant Chief stated that it's been a positive addition to have these 4 firefighters available and hope to get funded again in the future.
- **MOU for Aurora Emergency Services** – Director Olmsted asked for explanation, which Chief Williams provided.

A motion was made by Director Dyke to approve MOU for Aurora Emergency Services. Motion seconded by Director Barnes.

Roll call vote to approve MOU for Aurora Emergency services:

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

- **Donald Citizens of the Month** – Director Rick Olmsted, Mayor of the City of Donald, presented their award for Citizen of the Month to Aurora Fire District. Chief Williams accepted on behalf of the district.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station funding update** – Chief Williams recapped for the board that the City of Aurora was mistakenly given the \$3.8 million that had been awarded to the Aurora Fire District for the purpose of building a new fire station / admin facility on the centralized location / property at Ehlen Rd. At this point, it has been going on since June, and 2 other stations that had the same issue with their cities have had the money rightfully returned to them (Stayton and Gates). He stated that his patience has worn out as Aurora is the only city that has not given the monies back to their fire district.

Chief does have a press release that is ready to go if deemed necessary. He reminded the board that on July 18th, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) sent an email to the City [of Aurora] with the amendment to give permission to transfer the funds directly. The attorney for the district is trying to meet with the City's attorney to get the funds transferred, and has provided a clear contract that would release the City of any liability; however, the City has chosen to continue to withhold the money and are now considering their options.

Several board members expressed their concern, the state's responsibility in this since the issue initially began with the grant money being deposited into the City's LGIP account instead of the Fire District's, and discussed the possible outcomes if the money isn't returned in a time frame to continue with the contract for the new station. The cost for the station is going up, the size of the fire station is getting smaller as time goes on, so the clock is ticking, according to Chief Williams. If the money goes back to the state, the district loses the money and has to start all over. It should be a simple wire transfer, as the LGIP account number for Aurora Fire District has been provided to the City of Aurora by the Administrative Assistant Emily Murphy to Mary Lambert, Finance Officer. Mayor has only returned one phone call (to Director Meyer); he has not returned any calls to the Fire Chief.

- **ESCI update** – Chief stated that this is 95% done. He's received a copy of the draft report, which will be reviewed by the chiefs, then ESCI will enter the edits. The final will then be submitted and they will come to present it at a board meeting.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022
 Time: 7 pm
 Location: Donald Fire Station

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Director Greg Dyke, seconded by Director Deb Barnes. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Approved: Deb Barnes / 10-19-2022
 Deb Barnes, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date