

AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7 pm

Station 900 Aurora, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Joshua Williams
 Director Deb Barnes
 Director Greg Dyke

Director Daroll Nicholson
 Director Bobby Meyer
 Admin Assistant Emily Murphy

CALL TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

President Bobby Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All were present.

Director	In attendance
Barnes	Present
Dyke	Present
Meyer	Present
Nicholson	Present

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Director Nicholson to approve the consent agenda for the month of December 2021 (January meeting was cancelled). Motion seconded by Director Barnes. All In favor, passed unanimously.

Roll call vote for approving consent agenda:

Director	Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Result: 4-0 in favor, passed unanimously	

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Dani Tice shared her appreciation for the support of the crew and the follow up shown to her son, FF Paul Tice after the Barn Fire on February 3rd. She also mentioned the importance of following of protocols, which saved his life. His helmet and face shield were in place before he left the apparatus, which was just seconds before the explosion occurred that took St. Paul FF Austin Smith's life.

Assistant Chief Corless is looking into upgrading all the helmets within the near future.

DISTRICT #63 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Chief Williams filled in and reported that the Association's Annual Bingo Night has been moved from March to June 25th in order to accommodate a larger crowd, better weather, possibly getting a tent to have it outside, etc.

Chief also added that the Annual Awards Banquet for the District will be held April 23rd.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS (in packets): No comments

NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Vacancy** – Applicant Rick Olmsted presented to the Board.

**Motion by Director Dyke to approve applicant Rick Olmsted to the Board of Directors.
Motion seconded by Director Barnes.**

Roll call vote for Rick Olmsted to fill Board vacancy:

Director	Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Result: 4-0 in favor, passed unanimously	

Rick Olmsted – Sworn in & welcomed by Board President Bobby Meyer.

President Meyer stated that with Paul Ranta no longer on the Board, he will entertain a nomination for Vice President to replace him.

**Motion by Director Dyke to appoint Daroll Nicholson as Vice President of the Board.
Motion seconded by Director Barnes.**

Roll call vote for appointing Director Nicholson as VP:

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

President Meyer stated that with Director Nicholson now officially voted in as Vice President, he will entertain a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer to replace him.

**Motion by Director Nicholson to appoint Deb Barnes as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.
Motion seconded by Director Dyke.**

Roll call vote for appointing Director Barnes as Secretary/Treasurer:

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

- **Audit Update** – Chief Williams stated that we have completed another audit; Dani Tice here to answer any questions regarding the final report. Dani added that there was only one item that needed to be adjusted, and it will be moved to the line item requested for next time. AA Emily (Murphy) has done an excellent job with record keeping and is very organized, making the process easy and keeping [audit] costs down.
- **Surplus** – Chief Williams would like to recommend the Board approve the surplus of Engine 906 which doesn't get used, to either sell or give to a district in need.

Motion by Director Nicholson to surplus Engine 906 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Dyke.

Roll call vote for approving Surplus as presented:

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

- **Flex Lease payoff** – Chief Williams would like to payoff the flex lease for the two Spartan fire engines prior to the end of the fiscal year, rather than wait until December for the final payoff. His reasoning is he could then reallocate that money, freeing up \$65,000 annually to be paid toward something else the district needs. Director Nicholson asked for clarification from Dani, which she provided. Everyone agreed it needs to be done.

Motion by Director Dyke to payoff the flex lease as presented. Seconded by Director Nicholson.

Roll call vote to approve the early payoff of the flex lease:

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

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Grants:**

SPIRE Grant – Chief Williams stated that the delivery of our item is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow, February 17th.

Fire Station Grant – Chief Williams stated that he was recently contacted to apply for a Fire Station Grant, but after submission it was denied, so he sent out round 3 of letters to all the state government officials. Chief redid it on a county level, and supplied official testimony regarding the station project to the legislature (allowed 2 minutes max) so he requested \$8 million for a new station on Ehlen Road. End of session is May 27th, so will wait to hear back.

FEMA Grants – AFD has applied for 2 FEMA grants. One is to replace the breathing apparatus that is 7 years old (10-year lifespan). Will need to get a grant within the next 3 years, or funds will have to be budgeted to cover that expense. Currently have a joint grant application with Colton Fire. Also reapplied for a water tender. There are a lot of steps in the process, and it can take 6 months to hear anything back.

Assistant Chief Corless reminded the Board to include the additional surplus items / list from the December Board Packet for vote.

**Motion by Director Dyke to surplus list as presented in the December Board packet.
Motion seconded by Director Nicholson.**

Roll call vote for approving Surplus as presented:

Director	Vote
Barnes	Yes
Dyke	Yes
Meyer	Yes
Nicholson	Yes
Olmsted	Abstained
Result: 4-0 in favor, passed unanimously	

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Time: 7 pm
Location: Donald Fire Station

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

Approved: Deb Barnes / 3-16-2022
Deb Barnes, Board Secretary/Treasurer Date