



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

September 21, 2026

Directors

- ☒ President Derek Wing
- ☐ Vice President Bruce Daniel - Excused
- ☒ Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr.
- ☒ Board Member George Burnette Dillon.
- ☐ Vacant

Staff

- ☒ Fire Chief Darren Bucich
- ☒ Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
- ☒ Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the September Board meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue, Budget Committee Member Herb Gazeley, and Community Member Julie Koch

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the August 17th, 2026, Board meeting. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: *Following review, a motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of August and approve the Monthly Financial Review form, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Chief's Report: Chief Bucich's report was included in the Board packet. Also discussed:

PIER Grant: Temporary tanks are set and partially filled. Sitework will begin today at the McKenzie Discovery Center. The Geotech reports have all been submitted and are close to being complete. Each site will require a drainage swale/pond area. Chief Bucich is working with the property owners for permission for additional site work. He continues to meet with the County, State, and Federal partners every other week for updates.

Additional PIER Funding: Chief Bucich received word that the District will be awarded an additional \$700,000. He has approval from the grantee to use these funds for the purchase of a pumper/tender. The estimate received for the new pumper/tender was \$650,000. Chief Bucich proposed using \$595,000 of the funds awarded to go toward the purchase of a pumper/tender and supplement the remaining balance out of the Equipment Reserve account. Any remaining grant funds will be used for the placement of an additional water tank.



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Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to use up to \$100,000 out of the Equipment Reserve account toward the purchase and equipment/appliances required for the pumper/tender. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Student Program: Chief Bucich reported that we have added an additional three students to the Student Program, bringing us to nine students. An additional \$20,000 will be added to the Student Program line with the approval of Resolution #3 to offset additional expenses.

Election Ballot Box: Chief Bucich has been approached about placing a Lane County Elections Ballot Box at the Headquarter station in Leaburg. Following discussion, the Board agrees this will be beneficial to the community providing it does not impede traffic.

Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to approve the installation of a Lane County Elections Ballot Box on district property in Leaburg, providing it does not impede traffic. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fire Season: We are still in fire season, at Low, currently.

Action Items

Resolution #3 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the East Evans Creek Conflagration, \$108,894

Following discussion, George Burnette Dillon moved to accept Resolution #3 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the East Evans Creek Conflagration, \$108,894. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Deputy Chief Bart Thompson updated the Board of Directors on the Mutual Aid agreement with Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District.

Board members will meet with the two individuals who have expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors and move forward with appointing the vacancy left by Lee Means' resignation during the October Board meeting.

Good of the Order

Flu Shot Clinic – September 30th, Training Center, 9 am and 6:30 pm.

The District received a Thank You letter from Crook County Fire & Rescue for sending personnel to help with the wildfires this summer.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer