



# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

February 17, 2026

- Directors
- President Derek Wing
  - Vice President Bruce Daniel
  - Secretary/Treasurer Lee Means, arrived at 12:14
  - Board Member Raymond Byrne, Jr.
  - Board Member George Burnette Dillon
- Staff
- Fire Chief Darren Bucich
  - Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
  - Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the February meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. This meeting was moved to Tuesday in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 16, with Board approval.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Bruce Daniel moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2026, Board meeting, as presented. 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 January and approve the Monthly Financial Review, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. Bruce Daniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

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

**Workers Compensation:** Chief Bucich reported there is still one open claim. A medical appointment has been scheduled with an independent consultant provided through SAIF to determine ongoing care.

**PIER Grant:** Permits have been approved for the Deerhorn and McKenzie Discovery Center locations. The access at the Goodpasture Road Site is being challenged by Lane County. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may be required to apply for a special permit so that Lane County can approve the access.

**Health Insurance Premiums:** Initial estimations for health insurance premiums in 2026-2027 showed a 14.9% increase, however Special Districts Insurance of Oregon (SDIS) has been able to reduce the increase to 10%.

**1693N:** A new staff vehicle has been purchased to replace 1694, which was damaged in January by another vehicle on icy roads. SDIS has paid \$45,849 to the District for the



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totaled 1694. Work has begun on building 1693N however some key components needed are 8-10 weeks out.

Seasonal Illness: Seasonal illness has made its' way through personnel. The overtime line may see increases based on personnel taking sick leave. This is a good reminder for everyone to be vigilant and stay healthy.

Hearts of Hero's: The episode of Hearts of Hero's highlighting the river rescue that took place last March has been released on YouTube.

## Action Items

Budget Committee: Raymond Byrne, Jr. made a motion to appoint the Budget Committee as presented: Dana Burwell, Herb Gazeley, Dale Ledyard, Biff Owen, and Andrew McWilliams. Bruce Daniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution #12 – Approving Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the replacement of 1694, SDIS funds, \$45,849

Bruce Daniel moved to accept Resolution #12 – Approving Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Replacement of 1694, SDIS Funds, \$45,849. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## No Unfinished Business

## New Business

Public Meeting Law Training: This is a required training for all Board of Directors in the State. A web course has been created and recommended by Special Districts. A login will be created for Board members who would like to take the class before the next Board meeting. Those unable to do so will be able to take the class following the March Board meeting.

2024-2025 Audit Review: The Board would like RAS Group to present the audit during the April Board meeting. Dulcy Pierce will schedule this.

## Good of the Order

Awards Banquet: Saturday, March 14th

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.  
Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer