



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

May 18, 2026

- Directors
- ☒ President Derek Wing
 - ☒ Vice President Bruce Daniel
 - ☒ Secretary/Treasurer Lee Means
 - ☐ Board Member Raymond Byrne, Jr. (excused)
 - ☒ Board Member George Burnette Dillon
- Staff
- ☒ Fire Chief Darren Bucich
 - ☒ Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
 - ☒ Administrative Assistant Dulcy Pierce

President Derek Wing called the May meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order following the 2026-2027 Budget Committee Meeting, as advertised, at 11:48 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Bruce Daniel moved to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Board meeting, as presented. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

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

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

PIER Funding: Lane County has recognized the continued delay for this project and has proposed the placement of temporary water tanks for the wildfire season. Chief Bucich will work with them to identify locations that do not require sitework. The 30-day notice for the permanent tank sites has been submitted to the Tribes. Once the 30-days have passed, the geological surveys can be scheduled.

Wildfire Staffing Grant: The District has been awarded the 2026 Wildfire Staffing Grant, \$35,000.

EWEB Fuels Reduction Grant: EWEB has provided McKenzie Fire & Rescue with an additional \$45,000 for fuels reduction in the District. Chief Bucich will follow up with Brink's Land Improvement for current expenses to identify remaining funds.



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Action Items

- Resolution #13 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the 2026 OSFM Wildfire Staffing Grant, \$35,000. George Burnette Dillon moved to accept Resolution #13 - Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the 2026 OSFM Wildfire Staffing Grant, \$35,000. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Resolution #14 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the Special District Association of Oregon (SDAO) Summer Intern Grant, \$3,000. George Burnette Dillon moved to accept Resolution #14 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures for the SDAO Summer Intern Grant, \$3,000. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Resolution #15 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Transfer to Reserve Funds for Interest Earned in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, \$168,000. George Burnette Dillon moved to accept Resolution #15 – Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Transfer to Reserve Funds for Interest Earned in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, \$168,000. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

No New Business

Good of the Order

Next Meeting will be on Monday, June 15th at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.
Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer