



# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board Meeting

February 20, 2024

- Directors
- President Bruce Daniel
  - Vice President Derek Wing (out of town)
  - Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Byrne, Jr.
  - Board Member George Burnette Dillon
  - Board Member Lee Means

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

President Bruce Daniel called the February meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

## No Guests – No Public Input

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Lee Means moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the January 29, 2024, Board meeting. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was noted that the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> was postponed due to the ice storm.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to file the treasurer's report for the month of January, subject to audit, was made by Raymond Byrne, Jr. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Disaster Relief Logistics Center: Chief Bucich reported that the retexturing and painting is currently taking place. The asphalt repairs will be scheduled when the weather gets better. Additional shelves have been ordered for storage. Chief Bucich is investigating the requirements for storing a heated/AC controlled trailer through the State and will report back to the Board. This will make the DRLC more of a resiliency hub, less of a disaster relief center.

Levy: Chief Bucich recently held a meeting with 25 community members to present the proposed levy increase. He used this as an opportunity to gauge community support and requested feedback. The paperwork will be submitted to Lane County Elections in the next two weeks. The Board reviewed the SEL805. Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to approve the verbiage on the SEL805. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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Emergency Preparedness Meeting: Deputy Chief Bart Thompson recently attended a community meeting in McKenzie Bridge to discuss emergency preparedness. He reported that the meeting was well attended and well organized. McKenzie Fire & Rescue will also host an emergency preparedness meeting for district residents on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-12:00.

Recent Explosions: It was determined that recently a property owner on Goodpasture Road hired a company to use dynamite to blast stumps on their property. Following numerous calls to local and State authorities, it was determined that homeowner did nothing illegal.

Reader board: Power outages and surges have damaged the sign. Chief Bucich will be investigating reader board options and may include any projected expenses in the 2024-2025 budget.

## Action

Appoint Budget Committee: Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to approve Dana Burwell, Dale Ledyard, Andy McWilliams, Biff Owen, and John Sullivan for the 2024-2025 Budget Committee. Bruce Daniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## No Unfinished Business

## New Business

The Board was provided copies of the 2022-2023 Audit, Management Letter, and Letter to the Governing Body. After discussion, the Board would like to invite RAS Group to the March Board meeting, via Teams, to present the audit.

## Good of the Order

The volunteer association voted to not host the annual Fisherman's Breakfast as the Vida Community Center is also hosting a breakfast fundraiser the same day.

Chief Bucich will be attending the AGRIP Conference the first week of March and will be out of the office but available.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Leaburg Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Raymond Byrne, Jr., Secretary / Treasurer