



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Budget Hearing & Board Meeting

June 15, 2026

- Directors
- ☒ President Derek Wing
 - ☒ Vice President Bruce Daniel
 - ☒ Secretary/Treasurer Lee Means
 - ☒ 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 June Board meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Board President Derek Wing opened the Budget Hearing at 12:03 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Budget Officer and Fire Chief Darren Bucich.

Budget Review and Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget: Budget Officer Fire Chief Darren Bucich reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 Budget and recommended the following changes:

Net Working Capital (accrual basis) *increase* \$435,000 from \$650,000 to \$1,085,000 – this increase is based on current year expenditures, estimated unexpended funds, and grant awards.

Taxes Estimated to be Received *increase* \$25,621 from \$1,319,505 to \$1,345,126. This increase is based on current revenue received to move the District into closer alignment with County revenues.

Personnel lines *increase* \$45,717 from \$1,631,616 to \$1,677,333– a 5% increase is recommended instead of the original approved 4% for salaries of all full-time personnel. The increase will help offset cost of living increases and keep district wages comparable to similarly sized districts.

Temporary Service/Conflagration/D.O. Program *increase* \$38,000 from \$100,000 to \$138,000 – this increase is due to the award of the OSFM Summer Staffing grant, and the SDAO Summer Intern Grant.

Transfers to Equipment Reserve *increase* \$364,904 from \$517,226 to \$882,130 based on cash carryover estimates.



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Capital Reserve Account Working Capital (Cash Basis) *increase* \$828,272 from \$3,386,167 to \$3,557,895 based on 2025-2026 Resolution #15, interest accrued during the current year.

Benefits Reserve Account Working Capital (Cash Basis) *increase* \$31,921 from \$383,397 to \$415,318 based on 2025-2026 Resolution #15, interest accrued during the current year.

No public comment was received.

Approval of 2026-2027 Budget: *Following discussion, Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to approve the 2026-2026 budget as presented by Budget Officer Chief Darren Bucich. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Budget Hearing closed at 12:15 p.m.

President Derek Wing called the June meeting of the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon.

Guests: Battalion Chief Dale Ledyard, McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes: *Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the budget meeting minutes, as presented, of the May 18th, 2026, budget meeting. George Burnette Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: *Raymond Byrne, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, as presented, of the May 18th, 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 May and approve the Monthly Financial Review form, subject to audit, was made by Bruce Daniel. Raymond Byrne, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

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

PIER Grant: Chief Bucich will now be meeting bi-weekly with grant administrators to improve communication. This grant award is currently under review to ensure reimbursable funds have been spent appropriately. American Tanks and Paramount Ironworks have responded to the request for information. Also discussed: temporary tanks – Chief Bucich will be seeking additional information on this proposed resource.

Student Program: The student program ended on Friday, June 12th. Chief Bucich commended the students this year and looks forward to working with returning students this fall.



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Mohawk Structure Fire: Crews responded as mutual aid yesterday, June 14th, 2026, to a structure fire in Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District's area. Unfortunately, the home was a total loss.

Lower McKenzie River: Chief Bucich reported that crew members recently ran the lower McKenzie River to identify hazards and water levels. Some trailer modifications may be required to launch the boat in the low seasonal flows.

Action Items

Resolution Accepting the 2026-2027 Budget as presented by Budget Officer Chief Bucich.
Bruce Daniel moved to accept the Resolution Accepting the 2026-2027 Budget. Lee Means seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Election of Board Officers: Derek Wing moved to keep the Board positions as-is for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Bruce Daniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
President: Derek Wing, Vice-President: Bruce Daniel, Secretary/Treasurer: Lee Means

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The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & BBQ will take place at 9 am and 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 15th, 2026. Please attend!

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.
Lee Means, Secretary / Treasurer