

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

8/8/2023

The regular board meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tillamook 911 Center, 2311 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Board Directors Present:

Brian Cameron, Chair
Chris Kell, Vice Chair

Allen Burris, Director
Leonard Ingles, Director

Staff Present: Jeff McBrayer, Interim Fire Chief

Guests: Watching via Zoom: Denise Davis, Kyle Adams, Misty Burris, Timothy Bennell, and Will Chappel. In-person guests: Tim Hamburger, Brenda Descloux, Mike Randall, Jason Sterling, Paul Edwards

Call to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Cameron at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes was made by Leonard Ingles and seconded by Chris Kell. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. A motion to approve corrected June 6, minutes was made by Allen Burris and seconded by Leonard Ingles. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. Interim Chief McBrayer stated that the previous chair Tim Hamburger will need to be removed from the bank signature card, Brian Cameron will need to be added as Chair, Chris Kell as Vice Chair, Leonard Ingles as Secretary/Treasurer, Allen Burris, Director, and Aaron Burris, Director.

Tillamook Volunteer Firefighters Association: TVFA President, Jason Sterling, stated that the volunteers would like to make the Interim Chiefs position permanent. There have been a lot of calls and emergencies. Chief Edwards did not have anything to report. No comments from the volunteer association

Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment: 1) Tim Hamburger, asked the three board members who can make decisions regarding the lawsuit to do whatever is in their power to make sure that they go to court. He asked that they not settle out of court; Mr. Hamburger expressed concern that the information will not be public if settled. 2) Mike Randal asked who decides whether you go to court or settle. Chair Cameron – stated that as a board they would need to take the advice of legal counsel and then it would be up to the board to decide to settle or go to court 3) Brenda Descloux would like to point out an error on the agenda.

Financial Statement / Correspondence:

July Financial statements were presented to board members, Allen Burris motioned to approve, Seconded by Leonard Ingles. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Copies of the bank statements, LGIP balance, and accounts payable were forwarded electronically and presented to the board. A motion to pay the bills was heard from Alan Burris and seconded by Leonard Ingles. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Fire Chief Report: Chief McBrayer submitted a copy of his report electronically to the board of directors Financials to date July 31st, 2023. Personnel Services \$53,546 Materials & Services, \$66,473 Capital Outlay, \$23,560 for a combined Total \$143,579.

101 Calls for Service in July, most were for emergency medical services.

Ladder truck 71 came back and had two more pulleys break, it will have to go back over the hill as soon as the brush truck comes back. There has been about \$30,000 in repairs for this apparatus.

Heavy Brush 71 is still getting the PTO updated and the computer board fixed. No cost estimate for this yet.

Both staff vehicles, the old Expedition and the old Tahoe both had mechanical failures. Captain Adams was able to fix the Tahoe.

NW Anglers Association donated money to update our swift water and search and rescue gear, that gear is now here and in place, we are only waiting for one stokes basket.

The seismic upgrade meeting went very well, we had multiple bids come in for the project. Camy with the fairgrounds has offered to allow us to use the dormitories and offices as well as move the apparatus there if we are unable to occupy the building during construction.

Autumn and Cindy painted the sign at station 72.

Monthly training was focused on wildland.

EMS committee meeting, we had representation from Adventist, and Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County Commissioner was present. There have been a few incidents of extended scene time due to no ambulance availability.

Old Business: Director Alan Burris asked about security camera progress. Chief McBrayer stated that the commercial-based cameras that he has found start at a base cost of \$7,000 not including installation. We could consider installation during the seismic upgrade so that we can reduce costs by not having to cut into walls for installation.

Chief McBrayer stated that he has canceled the air conditioning project that has been on hold due to the appliance being on back order, he stated that he spoke to another contractor who does ductless units and that would be less than half the cost of the original approved budgeted amount. Additional money will be saved by installing that during the seismic upgrade as well by avoiding having to cut into the walls.

Chris Kell asked if any information had come back regarding the Averil fire. Interim Chief McBrayer let her know that it was intentionally human set and the State Fire Marshall does have a person of interest.

New Business:

Board Chair Brian Cameron stated that focusing on consistency and stability will be his goal as Chair. Chair Cameron made a motion to hire Interim Chief McBrayer as the full-time permanent Fire Chief of Tillamook Fire District. Chris Kell seconded the motion.

Director Allen Burris questioned if we were allowed to do that based on policy. Chair Cameron stated that he had the policies and offered to show them to Director Burris. Chris Kell stated that she has been through the policies and there is not a policy against making this motion.

Secretary/Treasurer Leonard Ingles stated that he spoke to the folks in Nehalem who just went through this process. They had done this same thing, their Interim Chief had shown that he was qualified, and they made a motion to hire him full-time, removing Interim from his title; he further stated that they (TFD Board) could hire Interim Chief McBrayer as Chief if they all felt that he was qualified. With the consensus of the volunteers and the other board members, we could take Interim off his title at any time.

Director Allen Burris said that he is not opposing this, he just wanted to verify that the policy did not prohibit it.

Board Chair Cameron asked if everyone was satisfied with the amount of discussion that was had, yes was heard. Vice Chair Chris Kell called for the question, Board Chair Cameron posed the question, all in favor, motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Director Allen Burris abstaining.

Board Chair Cameron pointed out that Chief McBrayer's full-time hiring into the Interim position was unanimously supported by every board member, currently there is one abstention to giving him that title.

Executive Session: Per ORS 192.660 (2)(b) entered at 6:08 pm and exited at 7:04 pm. No decisions were made in this session.

Concerns of the Board: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. was made by Leonard Ingles and seconded by Chris Kell. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. The next meeting will be the regular board meeting on September 12, 2023.

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Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair, Brian Cameron

Jeff McBrayer, Fire Chief