

Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: April 22, 2019



Attendance: Glen Tipton Terry Case Chrys Wernlund
Matt Wood Rachael Reynolds Dave Baty

Guests: Dave Wernlund, Mark Moore (EUC Ambulance)

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Accept Previous Minutes: Mtn to Accept: Matt Wood
2nd to Accept: Glen Tipton
Approved All: Approved

Treasurer Report / Bills: Mtn to Accept: Terry Case
2nd to Accept: Matt Wood
Approved All: Approved

Public Comment:

Community activities were mentioned.

- 1) Helix Rodeo Fri. 5-24-19 thru Sat. 5-25-19.
- 2) Helix HS Graduation 5-26-19 at 4:00 PM, Baccalaureate 5-19-19
- 3) Middle School community clean-up sometime in May.
- 4) School track activity where they use water from the fire truck is coming up.

Chief's Reports: Received - Attached hereto

Highlights: The IGA is looking promising. Trainings are scheduled for Thursdays. One week a month is for Medic training. It is important for the fire fighters to be involved in this training also. Chief Baty is continuing to work on the ISO reevaluation. Alternate water sources: large water tanks have been placed throughout the district. This allows for water to be stored in

remote areas which will cut down travel time. Five more tanks will be installed by the end of next winter. Grants that are being pursued: AFG grant for \$330,000.00, ODF grant for \$18,000.00 (this is a matching grant for the purchase of fire equipment), and the Trans-Canada grant for \$19,000.00 is looking very promising. On Easter day there was a fire in a stack of straw. There was a good turn out of fire fighters. After the initial response, the districts came off of the fire due to the fact that it was an agricultural burn and monitoring was done to make sure it didn't get out of control.

Old Business:

- 1) Oregon Savings Growth Plan update: Chrys asked Chief Baty about this and he said that it takes some time to get things established. Chief Baty will follow up on this and get back to the board.
- 2) Resolution for the sale of trucks: Terry asked about the resolution we looked at last month to sell four vehicles. Chief Baty is still working on it and some of the vehicles were used as collateral on the bank loan for the building on Columbia Street. A new resolution will be presented at a later date.

New Business:

- 1) Board Position #1: Rachael Reynolds presented a letter of intent to serve in Board Position 1. She took the oath of office.
- 2) Budget for 2019-2020: The budget for this coming year was presented by Chief Baty. After a discussion, Terry Case made a motion to accept the budget. Matt Wood made a second. The budget was approved. Resolution 2019-001 was presented to adopt the 2019-2020 budget. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Matt Wood. As second by Glen Tipton. Motion approved.
- 3) Training Room Remodel Update: Chief Baty shared that Dave Wernlund and Brandon Wernlund (Thompson) have been doing the majority of the work on the project. The room has been framed in and the wiring ran. It is ready for insulation and sheet rock.
- 4) Townhall Meetings: Up coming Townhall Meetings include May 10th in Helix and May 24th in Athena. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. Chief Baty shared that the past ones have gone well. He is presenting the information with "No Fluff".
- 5) IGA update: Resolution 19-002 was presented for discussion. The resolution would allow one individual to represent Helix RFPD in the signing of the IGA to form East Umatilla Fire and Rescue. This way, all five members of our board do not have to sign the IGA. After the discussion, a motion to approve was made by Glen Tipton and seconded by Matt Wood. Motion approved. Also discussed the need to have an alternate board member able to represent HRFPD at the EUF&R board meetings in case Terry or Chrys are unable to attend. A motion was made to have Glen Tipton be our alternate. Motion made by Terry Case and seconded by Matt Wood. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned: by Chrys Wernlund Time: 7:15 PM

New Meeting Scheduled for: May 28, 2019 (Tuesday) Time: 6:30 PM

Terry Case Sec/Tres.



EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

103 W. Main Street Weston, OR 97838

HELIX RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MVAs = 4 Medical Assist = 2 Agency Assist = 1

- 1) **IGA Update:** Its continues to look promising. Each of the formative boards (If they choose to proceed) will need to vote on a resolution authorizing one of their EUFR representatives to sign the IGA; and enter the agreement on behalf of the entity. Each entity will have the final copy of the IGA for its review, prior to signatures or entering the agreement.
- 2) **The next Town Hall Meeting is Monday, April 29 at 7PM at the Adams Fire Station.** Handouts will be provided regarding: The proposed Organizational chart; Strategic IGA Goals for the next 1-3 and 5 years (if the proposal goes forward), Frequently Asked Questions and a Summary of “Why, How and What if...” All want to speak will be given the floor and no opinions will be suppressed.
- 3) **Budget:** The Budgets for the three districts, and the City of Athena, are each progressing nicely. In terms of the district budgets, each is nearly identical to the FY 18-19 budget: the Managers are taking a conservative budget approach to ensure service from last year to next year is not compromised.
- 4) **Training:** Occurs Thursdays:
 - 1st Thursday is the officer meeting.
 - 2nd Thursday is Fire training
 - 3rd Thursday is Fire/EMS Training
 - 4th Thursday is EMS training.

The change is adding the EMS training night and, we may combine **EMS and Fire** training on the third Thursday. Training together will keep us safe and make us more proficient. We have multiple Live-Fire training opportunities upcoming, and of course we are ramping up hard for the upcoming Wild Land fire season. We are sending at least one, maybe two from our command staff to the ODF WildFire Simulation in Baker City in May. (We were “role players” at a simulation fire held in Pendleton at the Convention Center in 2018.) Attending this training exercise is an excellent training opportunity for our staff. We will observe how multiple County and State agencies interact and problem solve.



- 5) **ISO:** Our pre-review appointment with ISO staff is scheduled for July 17th. Pump, hose and Ladder testing will need to be completed before the actual review begins. We are finding many repairs that need to be completed for some of our pumps to pass maximum flow pump tests.
- 6) **Upcoming Fire Season:** We are trying to complete the Type six fire engine build that will make us safer and more effective fighting wild land fires this season. Since wildland season is nearly upon us, I may not get a type 6 built in time. I will do my best to keep you updated.
- 7) **Alternative Water Sources:** We now have six water tanks strategically placed in our 400+ square miles of fire protection area. They have between 4000 to 9000 gallons of water in each tank. (These locations are critical enough that they are in the Intterra mapping system used by the Oregon Department of Forestry.) Additionally, we have made this water available to area farmers and ranchers in case they need it. Many thanks to the officers and firefighters who were involved with hours of water shuttling operations.
- 8) **Reimbursements: The Mendocino Complex Fire in California** occurred last August. The State of California has finally sent reimbursement funds to the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office. We did not send any units to this fire. If some of you wonder why our districts don't send firefighters and apparatus to out-of-state complexes like these; here is one of the reasons: Our funding is not such that we can pay labor and other requirements – on a monthly basis - and wait 8 months or longer for reimbursement.
- 9) **Grants:** AFG \$330,000 for a new Water Tender – pending
ODF \$19,000 and \$18,000 for fire equipment – pending
Trans-Canada \$19,000 for fire equipment – pending but starting to look good 😊
- 10) **Remodel Progress:**
 - A) **Medic 400 building remodel of staff quarters:** Is done. It is terrific. MANY THANKS to the Medic 400 Board for spending 50K on this Capitol Improvement project.
 - B) **Training Room at Helix Fire Department** – Total add-in of a training room has been done (so far) by volunteer labor – to help keep our costs down. Many Thanks to Dave Wernlund and Brandon Thompson for their labor. Rough framing is close to being done.

Significant 911s:

19-0036 (yesterday) was a Hay Stack Fire on York Road. Considering the mass of hay (100x150xstacks 4 high) and the one ton bales...it will likely burn for weeks. Easter Morning response was tremendous. Consulted with property owners and Smith's Security team to maintain incident knowledge while consumption plan is followed.

Thank you for helping where you do.