

# Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: August 27 , 2018



**Attendance:** Mark Mathews Glen Tipton Terry Case  
Chrys Wernlund Matt Wood Dave Baty

**Guests:** Jeremy Lasator, Rachele Roggiero

**Called to Order:** 6:35 PM

**Accept Previous Minutes:** Mtn to Accept: Mark Mathews  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Accept: Glen Tipton  
Approved All: Approved

**Treasurer Report / Bills:** Mtn to Accept: Mark Mathews  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Accept: Terry Case  
Approved All: Approved

**Public Comment:** No Comment

**Chief's Reports:** Received - Attached hereto

High lights: In the last Month Helix RFPD has responded to 10 Fires, 3 Medical Assists, 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents, and 6 Canceled/UTL/Unassisted calls came in.

Helix RFPD will be attending DPSST Fire Fighter Class 1 Training this Fall. The training will be occurring in Helix, Weston, and Milton Freewater. It will include Helix RFPD, East Umatilla Co RFPD, City of Milton Freewater Fire, Milton Freewater Rural Fire, and Athena Fire Department.

Now that fire season is slowing down, we will get moving forward on the construction of the training room in the Columbia Street building.

United Grain Corporation asked the Helix RFPD to help tarp the Helix Ground Pile at the intersection of Hwy 335 and Hwy 334. We had 11 fighters and one spouse help out. Received a check for \$1500.00.

The District received a Thank You Card from OSU Ag Research Center on Tubbs Rd for our response to the LaCourse Rd fire.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Annual BBQ: The Board felt that the BBQ went well. There was about the same number of attendees, but Chrys was disappointed that there were not more children there.
- 2) Donation from GHS Class Reunion: In early June Griswold High School had an all-class reunion. It coincided with the Helix Community BBQ and due to rain the BBQ was held in the Fire Station. The Class Reunion Committee wrote a donation check for \$500.00 to the Helix RFPD. Chief Baty stated that we showed our generosity by opening up the Station and they showed their generosity by giving us a donation. The Board accepted the donation of \$500.00. Terry will deposit check.
- 3) Swearing in of Matt Wood as Board Member: Matt accepted board position #4 and took the oath of office. He will complete the term of Mitch Pankratz

### **New Business:**

- 1) Discussion of Board Policy 1.15: Terry proposed changing Board Policy 1.15.3 Consecutive Term section 1. It currently reads: "No Member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms as President." Terry proposed "There shall be no term limits on any position. Each position shall be reviewed and voted on annually." Discussion: Terry had talked with Jeff Newton, who was on the board when the current policy was written, as to the reason for this part of the policy. Jeff could not remember specifics but thought it was to spread around leadership. Jeff was not against the change if the current board felt it was the best for the District. The board felt it was best to change the policy. Motion by Terry Case, 2nd by Matt Wood. Vote 4 in favor, Chrys Wernlund abstained.
- 2) Position of President 2018-2019: Terry Case made a motion to nominate and approve Chrys Wernlund as President for 2018-2019. Second by Matt Wood. 4 approved, Chrys Wernlund abstained.
- 3) Discussion of the Juniper Canyon Station: Terry asked Chief Baty if there was any equipment at the Juniper Canyon Station. He had been asked by Jeff Newton. Chief said there is a Type 1 Structure Engine at the station and Jason Hall lives near the station. Jeff Newton had stated that if the Station was empty, he would be willing to allow us to store his water truck at the station to be used in the case of a fire. Chief Baty will contact Jeff and discuss this opportunity.
- 4) Pendleton Round-Up, Dress Up Parade: The Helix RFPD has applied to have one truck in the parade on September 8, 2018. Terry is willing to dress up in the Dalmatian outfit. Chief Baty will talk to the guys to help out with the truck and distribution of candy.
- 5) IGA Possibilities: There is a discussion of making an IGA with Medic 400 Ambulance service and with Athena Fire Department. This would provide more service to the communities involved. This is an outcome based venture that is looking to the future. It would combine the training of the Districts as well as bookkeeping services. It would also allow to have 24/7 medical service throughout the Medic 400 coverage area. There is current interest by all parties involved. Chief Baty will continue to dialog with the other districts. He is in favor of keeping a 30 day opt-out for any of the districts/departments involved in the IGA.
- 6) Outside light at Columbia St. building: Mark Mathews presented the need to replace the lamp in the outside light on Columbia St. Chief Baty said he would get it taken care of.

Meeting Adjourned: by Chrys Wernlund Time: 7:25 PM

New Meeting Scheduled for: September 24, 2018 Time: 6:30 PM

## **EUCRFPD/HRFPD**

### **Chief's Report for JULY, 2018**

#### **911 Response Update**

Fire Calls = 10 Medical Assist = 3 MVA = 2

Cancelled/UTL/Good Intent = 6 False Alarm - 0

Illegal Burn - 0

#### **Budget update:**

As designated in the financial information in the board packet.

#### **Training Update:**

A DPSST accredited Firefighter 1 class will be given to EUCRFPD, HRFPD, MFRFPD and Milton-Freewater City Volunteer firefighters beginning in October. Classes will be in the Weston, Helix and Milton-Freewater fire stations.

#### **Apparatus/Maintenance/Equipment update:**

*Work on the Training Room has been delayed due to the Summer Fire Season. We will get back to work as soon as possible.*

#### **Donations:**

11 people (including a spouse) helped us spread tarps on the Helix Ground Pile on August 25th. The Helix Fire Department received a donation from the United Wheat Growers League.

A Safety Officer has been designated to serve our fire districts.