

Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: March 25, 2019

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

Guests: Mark Moore (East Umatilla County Area Ambulance District), Rachael Reynolds

Called to Order: 6:37 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: None

Chief's Reports: Received - Attached hereto

Highlights: 1) A lot is going on in regards to the IGA right now. 2) The budget for 2019-20 is pretty much done. It needs to be presented to the Budget Committee and Chief Baty will contact the committee members and set a date. 3) The training schedule is being designed to combine all four of the districts/departments involved in the IGA. This presents a specific challenge. 4) ISO rating: The Insurance Services Offices will be re-rating our district this summer. This rating is dependent on how accessible the department is to structures in the district and it helps determine how much home owners and business have to pay on fire insurance. The rating should remain the same or get better with the upgrades that have taken place. 5) The fire season is coming upon us. There has already been a wild land fire in the Salem area this year. Chief Baty is hoping to get training to the public. 6) Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is a partner in suppression. We provide mutual aid with each other. There will be a training provided by ODF which some of our departments will be attending. 7) Chief Baty is looking at getting a grant book from Thompson Information Services. It will help in writing and getting grants. He will let us know if he is going to purchase it. The cost is \$500.00.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Board Member Position #1: Rachael Reynolds was asked if she would be interested in filling the open board position. She has accepted the offer. Matt Wood made a motion to accept Rachael to fill Position #1. Second by Glen Tipton. Approved. Rachael had forgotten to bring a letter of interest for the position, but will get one to the board.
- 2) SDAO Conference February 8-10: Terry Case, Chrys Wernlund, Lt. David Wernlund, Chief Baty, and Mark Moore attended the Conference in Sun River Oregon. Terry shared that it was a good time. There was a lot of training and that most of it seemed to focus on personnel. Besides the snow, it was a great time.
- 3) Fire Fighter 1: The graduation for the Fire Fighter 1 Training was on March 8th. Helix had 2 fire fighters complete and there was a total of 6. The helmet exchange will occur at a later date. There are 5 more people who need to complete a couple of classes to get there certificate. One is from Helix. Terry asked about the house burn training in Helix. It will occur on Saturday 4-6-19 and start at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

New Business:

- 1) Board Positions Elections: Positions #1, 4, & 5 are up for election this May. Rachael Reynolds, Matt Wood, and Chrys Wernlund have submitted applications for those positions with the county elections department.
- 2) Training Room Remodel: The remodel on the training room has started with Dave Wernlund and Brandon Thompson doing a majority of the work.
- 3) Town Hall Meetings-Helix May 10th: The Town Hall meetings regarding the IGA for East Umatilla Fire and Rescue will be starting this coming Wednesday (3-27-19) in Athena. Mailings went out to all of the residents in the effected areas. The meeting in Helix is scheduled for May 10, 2019.
- 4) IGA Update-First Meeting March 11/18th: The first meeting for the combined board for the IGA was March 11, but there was not enough members present. The board meet again on March 18. The name of East Umatilla Fire and Rescue had been selected for the new Authority. The next meeting for the board is April 2, 2019. At the last meeting Terry Case and Glen Tipton were chosen to represent Helix RFPD. Due to timing concerns with the meetings, Chrys Wernlund has replaced Glen Tipton on the Fire and Rescue board.
- 5) Sale of Surplus Equipment: Chief Baty presented a resolution to the board. The resolution was to give Chief Baty permission to try and sell 4 vehicles that are surplus. There are three structure engines which are in the lot beside and behind the office building on Columbia St. These vehicles are not in shape to fight fire. The 4th vehicle is an International flat bed which is a newer vehicle, but does not have a lot of use. There was discussion regarding this and Chrys brought up that some of the vehicles were used as collateral for the loan on the Columbia St. building. One of these four trucks may be on that list. Chief Baty is going to look into which trucks are the collateral. No motion was made at this time regarding the resolution.

Meeting Adjourned: by Chrys Wernlund Time: 7:40 PM ___
New Meeting Scheduled for: 4-22-19 Time: 6:30 PM

Terry Case
Sec/Treas.