

Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: May 28, 2019



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

Guests: None

Called to Order: 6:45 PM

Accept Previous Minutes: Mtn to Accept: Chrys Wernlund
2nd to Accept: Glen Tipton
Approved All: Approved

Treasurer Report / Bills: Mtn to Accept: Terry Case
2nd to Accept: Glen Tipton
Approved All: Approved

Public Comment:

Community Events: June 8, 2019 will be Helix's Fun Run, Community Picnic, and Street Dance

June 8, 2019 will be Weston's Pioneer Days, Fireman Breakfast, and Parade.

Chief's Reports: Received - Attached hereto

Highlights: In April there were 3 Fire Calls, 1 Medical Assist, 3 MVA, and 1 Agency Assist. City of Athena, East Umatilla County RFPD, and East Umatilla Ambulance District have voted to accept the IGA. The budget for the 2019-20 year has been finished. Chief Baty is trying to finish building a Type 6 truck. Grants have been received from TransCanada for \$19,000.00 and from Wild Horse Foundation for \$20,000.00. The Medic 400 remodel is done.

Old Business:

- 1) Resolution Re: Sale of Vehicles: Chief Baty was not present for the discussion, so we tabled the subject until next month.
- 2) Training Room Remodel Update: The room is ready to have the sheet rock mudded. The project was put on hold because Brush Truck 72 needed repairs to the fuel system and it wasn't clear how much the repairs would cost. Hopefully the remodel will move forward soon.

New Business:

- 1) Town Hall Meetings: The last town hall meeting will be June 10th in Weston. At the last meeting in Athena, the Hoehnas were the only community members there. At the Helix meeting General Fred Rees and Marylyn Rees were there. The one question brought up was the lack of phone service when out in the fields. This is not a problem regarding the IGA but of phone providers.
- 2) IGA Final Agreement: A discussion was made regarding the IGA for the East Umatilla Fire and Rescue. A motion was made by Terry Case and seconded by Glen Tipton to accept the IGA. Approved. Resolution 2019-03 was signed by the board members present.
- 3) August Town Appreciation BBQ: It was decided that the BBQ will be on Saturday August 24th. Discussed what items each board member will bring.

Meeting Adjourned: by Chrys Wernlund Time: 7:45 PM

New Meeting Scheduled for: June 24, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM

Terry Case
Sec/Treas.



EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

103 W. Main Street Weston, OR 97838

HELIX RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

CHIEF'S REPORT 5-28-2019

IN APRIL: MVAs = 3 Medical Assist = 1 Agency Assist = 1 Fire = 3

- 1) **IGA Update:** The Athena City Council, the East Umatilla County RFPD and the East Umatilla Area Ambulance Health District have each voted unanimously on to enter the IGA. It 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.
- 2) **The Town Hall Meetings continue. The next is at the Weston Fire Station at 7PM on ^{June} July 10.** We continue giving away handouts with information of the agreement. After five meetings we have received no negative feedback.
- 3) **Budget:** The Budgets for the three districts are finished. The City of Athena budget is also nearing completion. Managers continue 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.

ON May 4th we conducted an exterior training burn at 105 Columbia street in Helix. It was great, no injuries were reported and the intent of the training and the burn were both achieved.

On May 11th we had our WildLand Firefighter recertification day. 4 hours of classroom followed by a training burn in the afternoon. We will offer a make-up training day on May 18th.



On May 18th we also discovered a problem with the fuel delivery system on B-72. It was feared the cost of repairs would be in the 7-8 thousand dollar range. We lucked out – it was “only” \$3300.00

On May 30th we will send three to the Baker City Wildfire Simulation.

- 5) **ISO:** No changes – we are scheduled for a pre-review appointment with ISO staff July 17th.
- 6) **Upcoming Fire Season:** We are trying to add an additional Type six fire engine that will make us safer and more effective fighting wild land fires this season.
- 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) **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 – we received this grant – Good work FF Avila
WildHorse Foundation to Helix RFPD - \$20,000.00 for Basic Fire Equipment.
:-) (This was a surprise – maybe the newspaper had something to do with it.)
- 9) **Remodel Progress:**

Medic 400 building remodel of staff quarters: Is done. It is terrific. MANY THANKS to the Medic 400 Board for spending 50K on this Capital Improvement project.

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 and Brandon Wernlund for their labor. Sheetrock is up. Lights to be installed, HVAC is next and then the bathroom completed. Then the finish work begins.

Thank you for helping where you do.