

# Helix Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Dated: November 25, 2019



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

**Guests:** Mark Moore (UCF&R), Matt Hoehna (UCRFPD & UCF&R)

**Called to Order:** 6:39 PM

**Accept Previous Minutes:** Mtn to Accept: Rachael Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Accept: Terry Case  
Approved All: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Treasurer Report / Bills:** Mtn to Accept: Terry Case  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Accept: Rachael Reynolds  
Approved All: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Public Comment:** None

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

Chief Baty discussed a house fire in Pilot Rock. EUF&R was dispatched to the fire and the crew we sent down did a great job. Everything else is on the report.

**Old Business:**

- 1) EMT Scholarship Program Update: There are 5 people from our area in the class and it is going well. The class will go through the end of March and then the individuals will need to test for certification.

- 2) High School Class (Fire & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid) Update: The class at Weston McEwen HS is going well. They have finished with the CPR and stop the bleeding training. Now they are starting on the Intro to Wild Land Fire Fighting.
- 3) New Vehicle Update: UCF&R was able to pick up 2 vehicles. This allowed them to place the Chevy Tahoe at Helix Fire Station #1 as a medical first response vehicle. It will eventually be placed at the home of an EMT in the Helix area.
- 4) Christmas Party – December 7<sup>th</sup>: The party will run from 6-9PM at Weston Memorial Hall. You can RSVP if you would like.

**New Business:**

- 1) SDAO Conference: The conference this year will be in Seaside Oregon on February 6-9. It is a good training time. Encourage those that have not gone before to go. They would need to sign up soon.
- 2) IGA Update: Terry talked about how the IGA is working well and the service has been great. The next step would be to put the possibility of merging the districts into one before the voters. To do this, each of the current districts would need to dissolve and then vote to form a new district. There would also be a vote as to what the new tax rate would be for the district. The rate being proposed is \$2.00/1000.00. Currently the ambulance district is taxed at \$1.00/1000.00 and the fire district is taxed at \$.43/1000.00. There is the possibility of putting it on the ballot for the May 2020 election or on the ballot for the November 2020 election. After a discussion, Terry Case made a motion for the Helix RFPD to support the move to place the merger of the districts on the May 2020 ballot at a rate of \$2.00/1000.00. Second by Glen Tipton. Chrys Wernlund was contacted via phone for the vote. Motion was approved with 3 Ayes (Terry, Glen, & Chrys) and one Abstention (Rachael due to a conflict of interest with her employment).
- 3) New Fire House for Fire & Rescue Update: East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is looking at building a new fire house. Chiefs Baty and Moore were looking to get some property along Hwy 11 around Athena, but were unable to get any landowners to be willing to sell/donate any property. EURFPD currently owns some property on Mill St. in Weston. EUF&R is looking at using that property for the new station. Senator Hansell and the county commissioners feel that we have a good chance to receive some funding from the Oregon State Legislature. They will support us in the bid to receive the money and since the land is already owned, that will help as an in-kind gift. Chief Baty is interested in using the new Heppner fire station as a print for what he wants. Several board members of EUF&R went down and looked at the station.
- 4) IGA Merger vote for May or November: This was discussed above.

Meeting Adjourned: by Glen Tipton Time: 7:29 PM  
New Meeting Scheduled for: January 27, 2020 Time: 6:30 PM

Terry Case  
Sec/Treas