

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Dave Johnson, Jay Wilson and Peter Hall present with Dave Dethloff arriving late. Also attending were Chief Jerry Hampton, Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson and Budget officer Bob Seymor. No members of the public were in attendance. The first order of business was the budget hearing. With no public comments, the hearing was ended at 7:05 pm.

Bob Seymor then presented to the board changes to the proposed budget passed at the previous budget meeting due to the failure to pass the operations levy at the May election. Areas to be changed were taxes to be collected, cash on hand, interest payments, grants, repairs and maintainance , fuel, events, supplies, turnout safety, building improvements, operating equipment, and operating contingency. After discussion on what the figures should be in the revised budget, it was moved and passed to adopt resolution 2024-1 which codified the final budget.

The meeting then moved on to the agenda and May minutes. Dave made a slight change to the minutes regarding a spelling error. Jay moved to accept the agenda and May minutes with the change, Dave seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. Expenses not included in the report were \$56.65 to Dave Johnson, \$148.96 to Byrnes Oil, \$31.45 to Thatcher's Hardware and \$63.50 to EO Media. Income not reported was \$3005.03 in property tax revenue. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Garla seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

The Chief gave his report. There were four calls last month, one structure mutual aid, one controled burn pile fire, one vehicle fire and one vehicle accident. The rescue vehicle was sold for \$10,000. OSHA and Federal regulations could restrict the ability of the district to fullfill its duties due to them increasing the costs for district necessities. Haines has the second best ISO rating in Baker County because of our facilities that we have put money into, but it no longer has much relevance as insurance companies are using fire factor from ODFas a major part of their updated risk factor assessment when determining insurance rates. The Chief is looking at places to cut costs and still maintain essential services due to the failure of the levy passing. He may sell one of the pumpers. The 3880 vehicle is now back in service.

The Chief wanted the Board to check out SB 762 and its affects on the fire district due to the increase in taxes and rules put in place for power lines that could result in cutting power to facilities necessary to deal with fires. There are also building code changes that will increase costs for some as well as restrict what can be done on a property.

The Volunteer Fire Fighter dinner will be at the end of summer, probably September 8 th. The board members will be responsible for making the BBQ meal to save cost. The seismic testing has been done. The Chief wondered if the use of the Buerkel-Zoellner grant could be used for truck fuel or the new furnace which requires no use of oil that the grant was given for. Garla will check out. She also said that the Leo Adler grant proposal is due by September 1 st. She is open to ideas on what to ask for.

The only board update was Peter resigning his city council position consistent with board rules. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm with the next meeting at 7 pm, July 8 th.