

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Jay Wilson, Dave Johnson and Peter Hall present with one position open. Also attending were Chief Jerry Hampton and Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson. Bob Middleton attended as a member of the public. Dave moved to accept the agenda and the February minutes, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. Payments not listed in the report were \$39.94 to Byrnes Oil, \$1446.74 to Jay for expenses related to the SDAO conference and \$25 to Dave for attending and SDIS class in Baker City. A payment of \$11,000 was for tender 3845 and one to Wyeast of \$5,000 for vehicle 3844. Vehicle 3846 was sold for \$8,000. We received \$116 from CDs and Treasury bonds. \$10,000 was moved to checking from savings. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Garla said that the levy material had been filed with the county clerk with some change to the wording to meet standards. The levy community conversation will be at the Haines school on Thursday, April 25th, at 7 pm. Peter will put a sign up at the main entrance. The board members will wear district shirts. Bob Seymour should be there, but if not, then Dave will be the backup to present the financing information. Copies of our current budget will be made available to the public.

The open board position was considered for Dave Dethloff, who has an ODOT background. After a discussion, Peter moved to offer him the position, Jay seconded, and motion was passed unanimously. Dave then accepted the position.

Dave, Garla, Jerry and Jay intend to attend the SDAO risk management class in Baker City.

Jay contacted WRK about a seismic study for the Main station. They will do an assessment first for free to determine what needs to be improved. It will then be determined what can be funded with grant money. They will then help with a grant proposal from which WRK will get \$5000 if approved. Once approved, a bid will go out for a contract for the repairs. Peter moved to go forward with the study by WRK, Dave seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Jerry and Dave went to Halfway to consult with the fire district there about their process for building a new station. They got funding for it through a community block grant which is applied for by the city government. It was a long and tough process with some mistakes, but it was worth it. Dave and Jerry described the building and said that something like that could work to replace the Main station, and hopefully, we would avoid the mistakes Halfway made.

Dave discussed his meeting with someone from Streamline web services. He said they could help us meet necessary legal standards for us through a new website development. Dave laid out the cost levels and what would be appropriate for the district site. The board decided that the basic tier was best which would be a \$500 set up fee and then \$100/mo. administration fee. Board members will meet by Zoom with a representative from Streamline to explain the process. Dave suggested going forward with it at the meeting unless a majority of the board members disapprove. Peter moved to do so, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

The Chief gave his report. There were 3 calls last month, 1 structure and 2 motor vehicle. Vehicle 3832 is down until repairs are done. Type 6 vehicle 3880 is waiting for a pump motor. The operating budget should be separate from those funds used for purposes such as building repairs so as to show no increase. The training budget should be increased. Bob Middleton suggested that we put out a 5 year budget forecast. The SDAO workshop in Baker City should show how the department can function with future uncertainty in funding, expenses and regulation. There is a plan for a structure burn with other districts participating. The dinner for volunteers will be postponed until sometime this summer.

Dave will be meeting with a SDAO representative about providing Narcan on department vehicles.

Jay will not be attending the April meeting in person.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm with the next meeting on April 8, 2024 at 7 pm.