

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Peter Hall, Dave Johnson and Dave Dethloff present and Jay Wilson absent. Also attending was Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson with Chief Jerry Hampton absent. No members of the public were in attendance. Dave moved to accept the agenda and March minutes, Garla seconded, and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. We have received a payment of \$10,000 from our VFA grant. We received \$1995 in property tax payment. We received a reimbursement of \$225 from our insurance after the sale of a tender. A payment not listed was \$25 to Garla for attending the SDAO risk management training in Baker City. Mary will transfer \$10,000 to our Baird account. Dave moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Garla seconded, and motion was passed unanimously.

Garla said we have received the State Treasurer's report for the district. She then began a discussion about the public meeting regarding our levy proposal. The meeting will start at 7 pm, Thursday, April 25th with access for us starting at 6 pm. All directors are encouraged to show up well before 7 pm. Dave will present the facts about the district needs, requirements and benefits as well as the liabilities if the levy does not pass. He also will present the budget layout if Bob Seymor cannot make it. Our current budget will be made available for the public to view. We will allow anyone to speak at the event, but we want everyone to stay on message. We will display items that we have and need to be updated. It will be mentioned that OSHA will do an inspection at some point, and it should be known that OSHA fines have greatly increased for non-compliance issues.

We will have two budget meetings in May and one in June. The first will layout two budgets, one with the levy passing and one without. The second will work on whichever we will go to after the election. The June meeting will finalize the budget before the director's meeting where we will adopt the budget. The lack of grants could be a problem for the budget if the levy does not pass. There has been a problem with buying items bit by bit waiting for grants because costs keep going up. It is always best to buy as much as possible as soon as possible. Garla is searching for new grants to apply for.

We are still waiting for a time to do the seismic rehabilitation inspection. There will be a Zoom call with Streamline on April 16th at 3 pm to layout our new website. There is no Chief's report this month. Dave filled in some details. The compressor is running now after a repair costing \$1400. Narcan can be delivered to Jerry's address and is expected to arrive soon. The Wildland refresher training has been completed. Garla asked how we wanted to vote on the OTEC directors ballot. It was moved by Dave to vote for the incumbents since there was no one challenging them, Peter seconded, and motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the next meeting on May 13, 2024 at 7pm. It will be preceded by a budget meeting at 6 pm.