

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2023 MINUTES

With Chair Terry Blaske having resigned his position as a director, Garla Rowe opened the meeting at 7 pm. The first order of business was to accept the resignation of Terry Blaske and elect a new chair. Dave Johnson moved to accept the resignation and nominated Garla as Chair, Peter Hall seconded and motion was passed. Garla then began the official business agenda with directors Dave Johnson, Peter Hall and Jay Wilson present along with Chief Jerry Hampron and Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson in attendance. No members of the public were present. It was suggested to have Brad Allen replace Terry Blaske as a director. Garla said she would contact him. Typographical errors were pointed out in the minutes. Corrections were made and Dave moved to accept the corrected minutes with Jay seconding and motion was passed unanimously. There were no changes made to the agenda.

Mary presented the financial statement. An item not included was payment of \$541 given to Prim Country for radio work. The district received a check of \$255.83 from the county for property tax payment. Payment to AA&L was for pump testing. High Visa charges were for equipment purchases. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Jay seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Mary said she would contact the Consumer Business Affairs for the State of Oregon district bin number.

The Chief gave his report. There were three calls since the previous meeting. One structure mutual aid to Baker City, one cancelled structure mutual aid to Baker City and one medical assistance in Haines. The turbo in vehicle 3880 is bad and will have to be repaired and will be done on Wednesday. The cost will be between \$5000-6500. The district can use VFA money for half of the cost. After this expense, there will still be money left for a needed pump motor.

The Leo Adler grant is to be closed out. Garla will do it. Garla is also working on a new Leo Adler grant for doors and heating/cooling systems with help from Dave. He is in the process of getting bids.

Pump and hose testing is complete on 5 vehicles. All pumpers and tenders passed but some had maintainance issues. 2 radios have been installed in vehicles. Chief will do NFIRS report next month.

A discussion was had about the open house to discuss the operational levy proposal with the public. With the possibility of a new director coming in, it was recommended to have the meeting in late October. Peter suggested putting a 4x6 ad in the Baker City Herald and presented a draft copy. The cost would be less than \$100 if in black and white. A color copy would more than double the price. The ad could also be sent out as a flyer through the mail to all voters in the district. Peter asked for feedback over the next month on wording of the ad.

The Chief talked about the need to separate the district and the city council in Haines. No one should serve on both at the same time to avoid conflict of interest. There are currently no by-laws for the board of directors in the district, so a resolution must be put together. Peter will do, as well as put together an outline over the next few months for a set of by-laws for the district.

The construction project putting in the new water system could cause problems with the hydrants.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Garla at 8:27 pm with the next meeting at 7 pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>.