

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Peter Hall, Jay Wilson and Dave Johnson present along with Chief Jerry Hampton and Bookkeeper Mary Lewis-Johnson. Brad Allen was the only member of the public in attendance. Bob Seymor joined later. First order of business was to appoint a new director. Brad Allen had volunteered to fill the position. Dave moved to appoint Brad, Jay seconded, and motion was passed unanimously. Dave made corrections to the minutes. With no objections to the corrections, Jay moved to accept the ammended minutes, Dave seconded and motion was passed unanimously. With no additions offered to the agenda, Peter moved to accept, Jay seconded, and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. There were adjustments made to last years budget in terms of catagorization of expenses. There were three expenses not in the statement, \$107.93 to Napa Auto, \$20 to Valley Wide Crop and \$28.39 to Dave as reimbursement.

At this point Bob Seymor joined the meeting. A discussion was had as to how to present our levy request to the public. The levy is to be placed in the May election next year. A public forum will be had in late October after the next meeting date. The presentation should include a layout of cost per household and what they get for the money. Other talking points should be developed by board members to discuss at the next meeting. Bob Seymor said he could attend that meeting. A tentative date for the public forum was 7 pm on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The financial presentation resumed with the Chief giving his portion. Justin O'Neal is expected to be paid \$2300 for repairs on 3880 vehicle. The Chief was paid for sanding and painting on a tender to ready it for sale. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Jay seconded ,and motion was passed unanimously.

The Chief gave his report. There was one call last month for a structure mutual aid to Baker City. One rescue truck and one tender have been put up for sale by us. There are currently no offers for them at the price of \$20,000 for each vehicle. The price needs to be lowered to sell. We will no longer pay for ads, but rather use the free site of govdeals.com which is used to sell government surplus equipment. The Chief will lay out the history of funding for the district at the levy public forum. Large grants are hard to get because we have such low call volumes, not because of need. The district has received around 1.6 million dollars in grants over the years.

Peter presented a by law to deal with conflict of interest with directors holding simultaneous positions on local boards and councils. Wording to be decided at next meeting after board consideration. Peter said that the announcement and mailing regarding the public forum needs to be done before the next meeting.

The Leo Adler grant proposal has been submitted for \$37,310 for new doors, electrical panel and a new heating/cooling unit. We will know by the end of the year if we get it. The Chief and Chris Aldrich will talk about a new Boerkel-Zohlner grant for fuel oil. If Chris cannot do it, Garla will. Garla will remove Terry Blaske from the checking account. The board OK'd the Chief to give a check to Justin O'Neal for vehicle repair.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm with next meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

