

HAINES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by Chair Garla Rowe with directors Jay Wilson, Peter Hall, Dave Johnson and Dave Dethloff present. Also attending were Chief Jerry Hampton and bookkeeper Mary-Lewis Johnson. No members of the public were in attendance. Dave Johnson moved to accept the agenda and minutes as currently presented, Dave Dethloff seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Mary presented the financial statement. There was a credit of 153.93 for propane from Valley Wide. Peter moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills, Dave Johnson seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

The Chief gave his report. There were 7 calls last month, 2 good intent, 1 medical, 1 service call regarding the burn ban, 1 false and 2 wildland. One of the wildlands was mutual aid in Huntington and the other was assisting in Rye Valley with the Durkee fire. The district should get a payment for Rye Valley aid. Only the Chief and Dave Johnson participated in these wildland fires because they were the only volunteers of the district available. A lack of staff in the district makes assistance in other areas difficult.

The Chief began a discussion about funding for equipment. Options were discussed with no decision made. With any funding source, where the money comes from and where it goes is important in getting what is needed. We will be making a request for a Leo Adler grant to pay for 6 air packs for now which would cost about \$10,000 per pack and bottles at current rates. There are changes coming for airpack legal requirements that could change the amount needed. With this uncertainty, the specific amount to be requested has yet to be determined. A Buerkel/Zoellner grant will be requested for equipment improvements and fuel. There is an October 1st deadline for the grant request. The amount of the request is yet to be determined. The last payment on Tender 3845 will be made next month. This will allow us to get the title back for Pumper 3832 which was used as collateral.

Dave Johnson reported that 13 used bottles with a decent service life left were up for sale on line. He asked if we should make a bid. After discussion, it was moved by Jay and seconded by Peter to make an offer of \$13,000. The motion was passed unanimously. With out of date bottles having value, we could dispose of ours at no cost to us in the future.

There will be a brunch at 10 am on August 14th next to city hall by the Mutual Improvement Club. Members of the board and volunteers are invited as are others involved in community service.

Peter will call SDAO regarding rules of public notice with the ending of the Baker City Herald print edition. He will also contact Twin Mountain News regarding putting in notices.

Garla talked about the Volunteer dinner. It will be at Jerry's at 4 pm on Sunday, September 8th. It will be a BBQ with members of the board discussing what should be on the menu, and who should bring what. A cornhole board set will be given out as a prize.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by the Chair with the next meeting at 7 pm on September 9, 2024.

