

Sheridan Fire District Board Meeting
April 9, 2024

Attendance:

Board members: Gary Giddings, Cory Chrisman, Ray Bottenberg, Tammy Heidt (via Zoom), Pete Gutbrod
Others Present: Chief Les Thomas, Marguerite Alexander, Capt. Jay Payne, Brady Walters via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Tammy Heidt at 6:30 p.m.

Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ray made a motion to approve the financials for March 2024. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Old Business:

- Brush Truck remount is three-quarters of the way rewired. Next we will have an orientation on the pump and how to use it.
- Captains Position: Civil Service approved the list. We made an offer to Brady Walters who scored #1. Friday he will have a physical. He is going to see if he can continue some with YCSO as he is an integral part of the SWAT team.
- Chief's Report (See attached.) The forestry Type 3 engine is in Benton County. It must pass a draft test. It will be in service by the start of fire season
- Rescue tools were put in service today. Tomorrow there will be training for the volunteers. They have already been put to use to pop a door.
- We received the rope gear we purchased. It is minimal-- enough to be part of a regional team.
- We have submitted two grants for training, one with the Siletz Tribe and the other a HERO grant.
- Chief said he needs to get on the agenda for the next Ballston Community Meeting. Time to go back out to the community.
- The compressor at Station 9 was rewired by one of our volunteers who is an electrician.
- OSHA inspection: We have until May 28 to make corrections.
- Practicing with a drone. We need funding. We will go for a grant next year.
- The City is moving forward with water frontage plans (Part of the parks department.) SFD wants to be part of it. The plans are several years out.
- Station 98: We need to replace the insulation. We would like the R factor to be the same or more than what is currently there. The question was asked: What is the square footage? Price quote: \$2/sq. foot regular or \$4/sq. foot for spray in foam (R-14). We've got to stop leaks/moisture first. Would insulation with chicken wire be less expensive? Dan Heidt can take a look – not an official quote—in next 3 weeks.

Community Service Report (See attached)

- Meeting to be scheduled with Warden Israel and Shay the exec assistant. We need an MOU in place. We also need to discuss confined space.

New Business:

1. Budget Committee – We need one more member
 2. Chief is building the 2024-2025 budget. He and Marguerite are to meet with Kathie on 4/25.
 3. Draft of 2021-2022 Audit.
- Tammy is comfortable with the draft.
 - We've never been behind with audits. This is our second year with Accuity.
 - If board members want to go through the audit with Chief he can meet with up to two at a time. Everyone is feeling overwhelmed. Tammy was the only one here during that fiscal year. West Valley and SW Polk overlap—no consequences

Ray moved and second by Gary to approve the draft of the audit if no fatal flaws are found by Monday, April 15. The motion carried.

4. Type 3 Heavy Brush. Goal to have it in service. We will keep it at Station 9 and rotate Br. 9 to St. 98.
5. There has been no further information about the ASAs.
6. The City has not followed through with the house for burn to learn.

Nothing for the good of the order.

Gary moved and Pete seconded the order to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marguerite Alexander