Siletz Valley Fire District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025

Meeting called to Order by Chairperson Mike Darcy at 1900.

Board Members
Rick Olson, Gerry Schmit, Patti Skauge, Larry Annunzio (Dixie Morford excused)

Citizens
Mike Darcy, Guy Faust, Lillie Butler, TJ Palmer, Liz Kevek

Staff
Fire Chief, Dave Lapof; Deput Chief, Daniel Morford;

Guest
Sunshine

It was moved and 2nd to appoint Mike Darcy Chairperson of budget committee for 2025—approved

Patti made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 14,2024 Budget meeting. Gerry 2nd motion – motion approved.

- Public Comment: no public comment received.

Presentation of the budget.
Gerry Schmit and Chief Lapof reviewed and presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget:

1. Gerry explained the process and significant changes that occurred this fiscal year
2. Discussion of upcoming changes and how we account for grants both budgeted and unbudgeted.

Lilly Butler-- asked if the Budget Committee had been updated or contacted about the amending process. Dave explained they hadn't as the process was new to the district and Oregon Law did not require a special notice. In hindsight, they should have and would do better next time. He apologized for missing this notice.

3. Gerry expressed his gratitude of the Budget Committee Members.
4. Discussed the need to amend last year's budget due to going over expenses.
5. Grants have slowed down in part to federal funding.

6. Potential expansion of station to the land east of the station and the purchasing of the city property.

Gerry went through the budget charts and compared 2024-2025 to 2025-2026 by income and expenses and how we are tracking grants. Discussion on how/who has responsibility for spending and how it's tracked related to reimbursement grants.

Discussion of budget details by Chief, Dave Lapof:
Discussed the squeeze felt by not realizing a full 3% income growth from property taxes it's more like 2%. This could be an erosion of the tax base due to an increase in tribal land acquisition. Discussion around the Tribal Annual Donation

A quick review of the State of the District highlights

- Daniel Morford promoted to Deputy Chief and taking on the role of Regional Training Officer for both Toledo and Siletz and overseeing staffing.
- Four Cadets have completed their Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course taught by Gail Johnson and Marcy Sanning.
- The old Valsetz fire engine is back and being restored
- Reggie Buttle resigned from the Board

He recapped the challenged Toledo Fire Department has gone though and how that has resulted in his being appointed fire chief. For how long it is unclear, depending on what the next city manager wishes to do.

A quick review of the narrative budget, stopping on only a few items of noteworthiness.

Guy asked about the water for the Logsden Station and maybe the Community Club could work out a deal to supply water. Dave said he would get together to discuss.

Lilly noted the date for the description of Bonuses was incorrect.

He explained the extensive repair cost of Tender 52. But on the positive side we sold our old Rescue to Langlois who has the same paint color and blue strip. Tender 52 while making a fair amount of revenue during the Oregon wildfires last year, we did however miss a number of days in California already this year. After these repairs we should be good for the upcoming fire station.

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All felt we didn't need to review the LB forms as the narrative covered them.

Public Comment:
None

Motions

Motion by Mike for adoption of 2025/2026 Budget to the Siletz Fire District Board of Directors. Liz 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Guy to set the tax rate of $1.3331 per $1000 of assessed value for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Liz 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.

Good of the Order

No comments – The Fire District received a page for Smoke in a Structure. Daniel Left, and shortly afterwards Dave did also.

TJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting, approved. Meeting adjourned at 2013 hours

Mike Darcy
Budget Committee Chair

Date: 5-7-26

Richard E Orr
Fire District Board Secretary

Date: 5-7-26