

SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Director's Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 20, 2026
18:00

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

The Meeting of the Siletz Valley Fire District Board of Directors was called to order at 18:00 by Board of Directors President Rick Olson. Present were Rick Olson, Gerald Schmit, Dixie Morford, Patti Skauge and Katie Saaty.

Staff in attendance were Fire Chief Dave Lapof, Deputy Chief Daniel Morford - Volunteer Coordinator and Office Administrator, Teresa Daily.

GUESTS:

Erik Maiorano on behalf of the Volunteer Association
Sunshine Keck-Community member and Library Association member

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Gerry Schmit requested to discuss 2026-2027 budget during Treasurer's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: n/a

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from March 17,2026: Moved by Patti and 2nd by Katie – Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of Fire Services
- SDAO Member Services-Class in Newport
- Fire stats 2025
- Thank you to CTSI

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Sunshine discussed that April is National Volunteer Month. She thanked the volunteers at Siletz Valley Fire Department.
- Sunshine presented the Library report. The new river rock fire barrier project will start soon. She thanked Fire Chief, Dave Lapof for the letter of support he provided in support of a grant that was obtained for this project.
- City Council member Erik Maiorano went to an Oregon Prepared Emergency Management Conference. He brought up the new generator, the water and Public Works plants. Board member Patti asked what happens with debris from emergency situations. Erik replied that it was dealt with by local community efforts and County support.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Budget-there is an excess of resources compared to other years due to the increase from the Siletz Tribal donation.
- For the 2026-2027 budget there was discussion about putting \$20,000 in the Equipment Reserve. The plan is to try to have more set aside for contingencies.
- There is a USDA reimbursement grant available for the fire station expansion. Potential costs for obtaining the land for the fire station may also be reimbursable through the USDA grant.
- CWRR
- Motion to repay line of credit at Oregon Coast Bank by Gerry, 2nd by Katie – Motion Passed.
- Motion to approve the financial report by Patti, 2nd by Katie – Motion Passed.

STAFF REPORTS

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION REPORTS-MINUTES

- As written

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

- Local businesses to allow booths for volunteer outreach.
- A few Cadet interest forms have been received.
- Continuing to finalize cadet recruitment presentation for Toledo High School.
- Training has shifted to wildland focus.
- ODF personnel assisted with wildland refresher training.
- Transitioning into pump operations and drafting training.
- Firefighter 1 Academy is nearing completion.

CHIEF REPORT

- Incident reviews: 1 house fire and 2 fatalities due to medical emergencies.
- Met with USDA to get more information regarding USDA grant.
- Met with an architect to discuss basic building information and design concepts.
- Grant requests have been submitted to ODF/VFC and Weyerhaeuser.
- Recent donations of vehicles/trailers from the Siletz Tribe to use for training.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The septic for the Logsdon Station is still being assessed by the County for size and usage.

NEW BUSINESS n/a

PUBLIC COMMENT n/a


MONTHLY BILLS

- Patti moved to pay bills, Katie 2nd the motion, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

- Budget Meeting on May 7, 2026 at 7pm.
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 19th at 6pm

Moved to adjourn by Patti, Katie 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:00.



President



Secretary