

SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Director's Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
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 Richard Olson, present were, Dixie Morford, Gerry Schmit, and Patti Skauge. Reggie Butler was absent.

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

GUESTS:

1. Joshua Johnson, Senior class president presented a donation request for the Siletz Senior 2024 Class, end of year Grad Night Celebration.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from February 20, 2024, Moved by Patti and 2nd by Gerry – Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit /Loss – Gerry Schmit

1. Gerry reviewed a graph created to review historical expenditures which indicates that we are on track with past spending trends.
2. Our expenses are higher than expected, but much is due to “pass through” of expenses that related to corresponding income like grants. We did have some unexpected expenses like the last payment on the Engine, however we also had unexpected income from the conflagration.
3. We have exceeded our income this fiscal year. Income low for February, but our property taxes for March were bigger and not reflected on our books yet.
4. Property Taxes are variable, and we are looking at historical data to reflect more accurately in the next fiscal year budget.
5. For the upcoming budget, we will be cleaning up the chart of accounts and matching up to the LB forms.
6. Change in dates for the budget meeting process. Initial meeting will be on May 14th at 7pm and the follow up meeting (if needed) will be May 20th.
7. LGIP accounts are exceeding interest expectations.

Dixie made a motion to accept the treasurer report and 2nd by Patti. Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- Volunteer Association Report:
 - Volunteer Association did not meet in March..
- Emergency Preparedness:
 - Upcoming dates: Firewise Open House 4/27/2024 from 11am-3pm
Fire District Open House 6/8/2024 from 11am-3pm
 - Logsdon Community Center generator is there and people are being trained to operate it. Potentially need a bigger propane tank.
- Evacuation Planning with a couple of different committees working on different scenarios and Chief has been attending these meetings. There will be an upcoming tsunami evacuation and overnight test scenario at the Newport Airport and the Scappoose Fire Chief who has drone experience will also be there. Future meetings include “Island” mapping for the geographical islands or isolation areas that could happen in an event like a tsunami or earthquake.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

- Daniel outlined recent recruitment initiatives.
- Upcoming newsletter column for recruitment of volunteers
- Daniel is updating the website with our bios and an interactive volunteer interest form.
- Question about a mutual aid response with Toledo, which was an iPhone activation error.

CHIEF REPORT

- Brief review of the incident in Siletz with the Lincoln County Sheriff (LCSD) and while Siletz Fire did not directly respond, we did provide a tent and lights. Chief to meet with the Lieutenant about potential sale of the rescue unit to LCSO.
- House burn scheduled 3/20/24 at 6pm on Swan.
- Daniel and the chief reviewed the new reports that are generated from our new reporting system.
- Reviewed the 911 Systems increase in fees for the next fiscal year.
- Station maintenance: Generator connections were updated.
- Reapplying for the grant at Spirit Mountain with the Volunteer Association.
- The McKenzie Scott foundation is looking for grand recipients and a letter in inquiry was sent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lease agreement w/ City of Siletz:
 - a. City has hired a surveyor.
 - b. -0- property taxes and not a tribal burying ground.

NEW BUSINESS

- Surplus trailer 8X20 no longer needed. Patti made a motion to declare the trailer surplus and allow the fire chief to determine the best process to follow to sell the trailer, Gerry 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of donating to the 2024 Senior Grad Night. Patti made a motion to donate \$250 from the Fire Department with a matching donation from the Volunteer Association. Gerry 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Patti moved to pay bills Dixie seconded the motion, approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER


Dixie brought up the incorrect Board Meeting time in the Lincoln County Leader newspaper. Teresa to follow up.

Gerry brought up some of the information that he learned from the Leadership Conference herecently attended. In particular, how important leadership communication was when people are in stressful situations. PTSD was lower when there was leadership communication. Resilience was built into an organization when contingency plans for multiple scenarios were communicated and practiced.

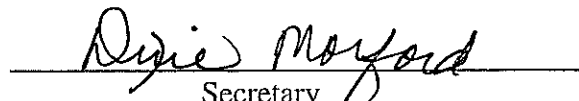
NEXT MEETING

April 16th 2024, at 6pm

Moved to adjourn by Patti, seconded by Gerry, Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:24



President



Secretary